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## Special section announcement

The Wabash Plain Dealer is publishing a special series each Wednesday until April 6 in collaboration with our regional news group. See pages A6 and A7 for the third part of our five-part series looking into overdoses and substance use disorder. The goal of the section is to increase collaboration to reduce fatal overdoses and drug dependency in north central Indiana. Thank you for your continued support.

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## Salamonie Preschool offers 'B is for Birds' on Wednesday

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie

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# Draft plan to curb local population loss released



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Planning NEXT senior planner Kyle May speaks at the Imagine One 85 Summit on July 14, 2021, in Honeywell Center Plaza.

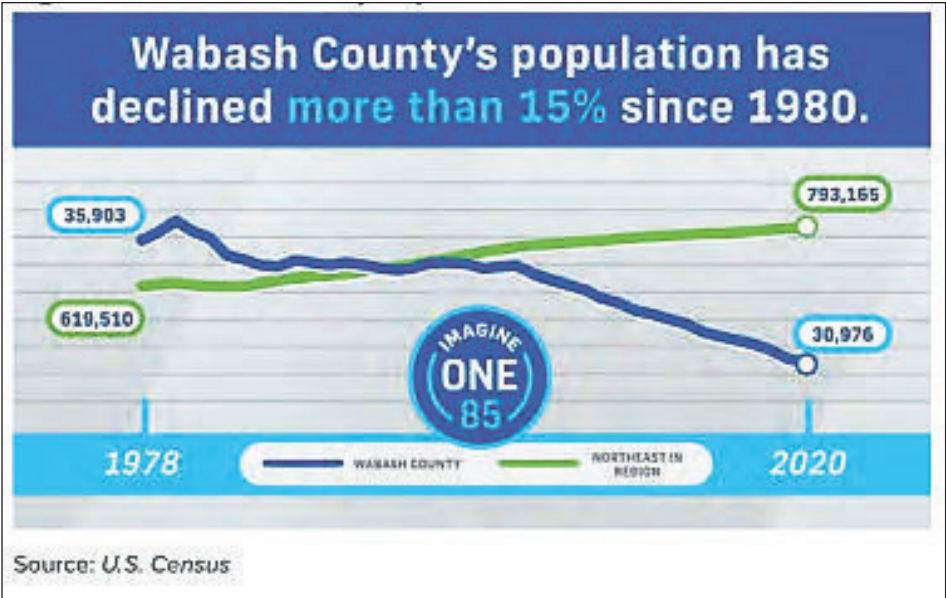
## Imagine One 85 project has been working for over a year

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After more than a year of work, a draft plan to curb local population loss was finally released earlier this month.

The Community Foundation of Wabash County (CFWC) and Grow Wabash County (GWC) have released the first publicly available version of the Imagine One 85 (IO85) comprehensive plan, said CFWC director of operations Sam McFadden.

The group has been hard at work on the project for months. This planning process was launched in July 2020 and was anticipated to last 14 months in total. Dozens of community members gathered for the Imagine One 85 Summit on July 14, 2021, in Honeywell Center Plaza, to



Provided graphic

This graph shows the local population loss since 1980.

help provide their input into the proposed plan. “On behalf of the IO85 Steering Committee members, we express appreciation for hundreds of citizens representing all communities in Wabash County who engaged in Focus on the Future

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## Local authors to launch new children's book at NMPL

### 'Maria's Kit of Comfort' to debut Tuesday, April 5

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A pair of local authors will be debuting their new children's book next month at the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL).

“Maria's Kit of Comfort” was co-written by Kathy Fry-Miller and David Doudt, and illustrated by Kate Cosgrove. It is being published by Brethren Press, the publishing house of the Church of the Brethren.

The book launch party will be from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 at the NMPL's Blocher Community Room. Free snacks, prizes, music and activities will be available at this family-friendly event. There will be a storytime with the authors, cookie emoji decorating, a bean bag-making station and a kit of comfort toys. Books will

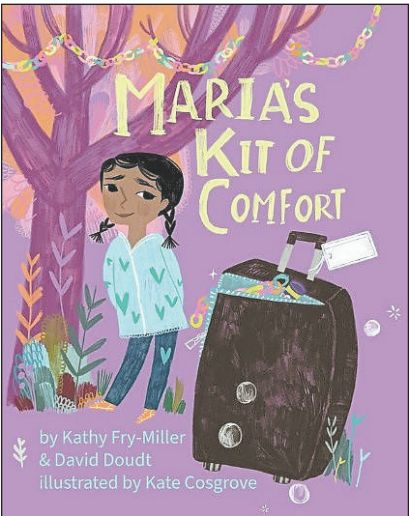
also be available for purchase.

Doudt said they wrote to book “to help children cope with feelings related to trauma in their lives.”

Doudt said the book is “a story for all kids who are struggling in these challenging times,” and is “a story of hope and healing.”

“This lyrical picture book tells the story of Maria as she finds ways to express a range of feelings through creative play following disaster,” said Doudt. “It is the story of many children who have not only dealt with the stress of the pandemic over the past two years, but may have also suffered the trauma of disaster or violence on top of the shared COVID experience. While the setting for Maria's book is a children's play center with nurturing caregivers following a disaster, it could also be the reader's home or school or park or library.”

Fry-Miller is a current volunteer and former director of Children's Disaster Services, a national program of certified volunteers who care for children



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“Maria's Kit of Comfort” was co-written by Kathy Fry-Miller and David Doudt, and illustrated by Kate Cosgrove. It is being published by Brethren Press, the publishing house of the Church of the Brethren.

in Red Cross shelters and other family assistance centers following a disaster.

Doudt is an ordained minister and retired teacher whose late wife – Karen Doudt, an early childhood professor at

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## Wabash Dollar General store moves

The new store location is now open at 25 Dimension St.

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A newly-relocated Dollar General store in Wabash has officially opened its updated location.

On Monday, Dollar General public relations coordinator Emma Hall said the previous store, located at 1850 S. Wabash St., has been moved to 25 Dimension St.

“Dollar General is always evaluating our stores and how to best serve our customers. The new store will provide more space and a fresher layout, as well as the same products and prices our customers rely on. We look forward to continuing to serve customers in the new store,” said Hall. “The new store will continue to provide customers with the same value and convenience they have come to rely on, just in a different location.”

Hall said they are “proud to provide area residents with an affordable and convenient store location to purchase household essentials including food, cleaning supplies,

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## WVMA Honors Band, Choir perform at Honeywell Center

The 48th annual concert was held Friday, March 11

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Local student musicians had their chance to shine last weekend at the Honeywell Center.

The Wabash Valley Music Association's (WVMA) Honors Band and Choir marked its 48th year with performance and reception on Friday, March 11, said Honeywell Arts & Entertainment public relations specialist Michele DeVinney.

This concert was sponsored in part by the Howard M. Garver Endowment and the Larry and Anne Curless Endowment for Honors Band and Choir.

“The Honors Band and Choir Concert is important to Wabash County because it uplifts the musical and artistic talent of high school students in our county,” said DeVinney. “Every spring, the most talented high school musicians and vocalists are brought together to present the public concert at the Honeywell Center.”

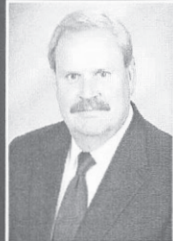
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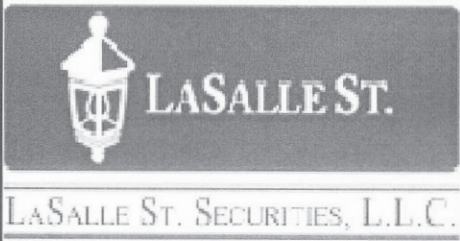
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# Indiana Tech Day set for Friday

STAFF REPORT

Indiana Tech Day has been planned from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, March 18 at Indiana Tech Warsaw, 2928 Frontage Road, Warsaw, according to a press release.

Learn more about 50-plus career-focused online degree and certificate programs, scholarship opportunities and funding available through Indiana’s Workforce Ready Grant. Those who qualify can earn an undergraduate certificate at no cost.

“Enjoy a taco bar while

meeting our admissions staff and other students,” stated the release. “New students will be oriented with what is required to get off to a great start with Indiana Tech. Current students will have the opportunity to provide any documentation that is needed before the start of the term and get updated on their completion status.”

All students are welcome to attend; however, this event is highly recommended for those who still need to submit the FASFA; and provide required documents like the payment option form, high

school diploma, etc.

If you are unable to attend, contact your admissions representative to schedule a one-on-one orientation. Director of admissions Jeri Burkhart may be reached by phone at 574.268.9707, ext. 4710 or by email at JLBurkhart@indianatech.edu. Admissions representative Leo Patino may be reached by phone at 574.268.9707, ext. 4720 or by email at LDPatino@indianatech.edu.

For more information, visit my.indianayech.edu or email LDPatino@indianatech.edu.

# Grow Wabash County to celebrate Wabash County’s top graduates

This year’s luncheon will recognize 68 Wabash County seniors Thursday, April 14

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County will recognize some of Wabash County’s top academic students at the 2022 Honor Student Luncheon on Thursday, April 14, according to project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boullrisse.

This year’s luncheon will recognize 68 Wabash County seniors with career inter-

ests ranging from nursing and health care to agribusiness, engineering and the arts.

The luncheon will once again host a panel of industry professionals that will provide insight and advice to the students about starting their careers and why they should consider Wabash County when it comes time to choose where they want to lay down roots and begin their professional careers.

“The talent and passion of this current graduating class is remarkable,” Grow Wabash County CEO and president Keith Gillenwater.

“We are honored to continue on the tradition of celebrating some of local high schools’ brightest students as well as building connections between them and the career opportunities that await them here in Wabash County.”

Local businesses, colleges, universities and employers interested in sponsoring students and showing your support for the next generation of talent in Wabash County can do so by visiting [www.growwabashcounty.com/events/calendar](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/events/calendar), emailing [marketing@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:marketing@growwabashcounty.com) or calling 260-563-5258.

# AP source: Pfizer seeking OK for 4th COVID dose for seniors

By ZEKE MILLER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Drug-maker Pfizer is expected to request authorization this week for an additional COVID-19 booster dose for seniors, according to a person familiar with the matter.

It would add a fourth dose to the regimen — currently a primary series of two shots, followed months later by a booster dose — in an effort to provide maximum protection to the over-65 population that has been hit hardest by the pandemic.

The Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control would have to approve the request. The person who spoke about the upcoming Pfizer authorization request spoke on condition of anonymity because the person wasn’t authorized to speak on the record.

“We’re continuing to collect and assess all available data and we’re in continuous, open dialogue with regulators and health authorities to help inform a COVID-19 vaccine

strategy as the virus evolves,” said Pfizer spokeswoman Jerica Pitts.

Speaking to CBS’ “Face the Nation” on Sunday, Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla said, “Right now, the way that we have seen, it is necessary, a fourth booster right now. The protection that you are getting from the third, it is good enough, actually quite good for hospitalizations and deaths. It’s not that good against infections, but doesn’t last very long. But we are just submitting those data to the FDA and then we will see what the experts also will say outside Pfizer.”

With COVID-19 cases finally plummeting after the intense omicron surge, public health experts are starting to look ahead to what next steps might be needed — if a new variant crops up or, barring that, whether to try shoring up coronavirus protection in the fall at the same time people get flu vaccinations.

The U.S. booster campaign was based on evidence that the shots’ effectiveness, especially against milder infec-


tions, was waning about six months after the last dose. Calls for a third shot grew once it became clear the vaccines weren’t as strong against the omicron mutant as they were against earlier versions of the virus.

Many scientists say the ultimate goal of vaccination is to prevent severe illness, and early CDC data show the shots still are doing that. During the omicron wave, effectiveness against hospitalization was 91 percent in people who had gotten their booster two months earlier, and 78 percent by the fourth month after that booster.


In the U.S. so far, a fourth dose is recommended only for people with severely weakened immune systems, who need three doses to begin with for the best chance at any protection.

Israel already has offered a fourth dose to people age 60 and older and to some health care workers, and scientists have reported mixed early results that leave unclear just how much benefit the extra shot offered.


5-Day Weather Summary




Wednesday  
Sunny  
70 / 46




Thursday  
Mostly Cloudy  
69 / 49



Friday  
Rain Likely  
55 / 36




Saturday  
Partly Cloudy  
53 / 37




Sunday  
Sunny  
63 / 42

Sun and Moon


Today's sunset ..... 7:51 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:51 a.m.




Full  
3/18



Last  
3/25



New  
4/1



First  
4/9

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see sunny skies, high of 70°, humidity of 47%. Southeast wind 3 to 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 46°. South southeast wind 5 to 9 mph. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 69°, humidity of 55%. South southwest wind 3 to 11 mph.

## STATE BRIEFS

### New Indiana blind, deaf schools and archives sites announced

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana School for the Deaf will move from its current Indianapolis location to the site of the state’s blind school as part of a planned \$225 million upgrade of both programs’ facilities, state officials announced Tuesday.

The governor’s office also announced that a new state archives building would be built along the downtown Indianapolis canal near the Statehouse as part of a construction spree topping \$1 billion state lawmakers approved last year.

The School for the Deaf and the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired will remain separate schools but they can share resources with building renovations and new construction on the blind school site on Indianapolis’ north side, the governor’s office said.

Officials have discussed upgrading the aging facilities of both schools, but the decision will see the deaf school move from its current site just north of the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

The state archives collection of historical records has been stored in a warehouse on the east side of Indianapolis for more than 20 years. A 2015 plan for a new building stalled but state officials have now dedicated \$35 million toward a new building.

Officials had considered the site of the former Indiana Women’s Prison in Indianapolis for the archives building.

Gov. Eric Holcomb said the downtown canal site will better allow the archives to

work with the nearby state museum and state library.

### Indiana school board public comment bill signed into law

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana school boards will be required to allow public comment during their meetings under a bill that was signed Tuesday into law.

Gov. Eric Holcomb signed the measure that gained final legislative approval on March 2, according to the governor’s office.

The new law taking effect July 1 mandates that school boards offer an oral public comment period at all public meetings, including those conducted virtually. The public is currently allowed to attend board meetings but those boards haven’t been required to allow those attending to speak at most sessions.

The legislation was proposed after confrontational or disruptive school board meetings over the last year saw some boards suspend or restrict public comment sessions.

An original version of the bill would have applied to the governing body of any state or local public agency, like city and county councils. That language was rolled back, however, limiting the bill to just school board meetings.

The final version allows school boards to adopt “reasonable rules” to accommodate public comment periods and maintain order in meetings. That includes setting time limits for those who speak and the removal of disruptive people.

# White House: Biden will travel to Europe for Ukraine talks

By AAMER MADHANI  
and CHRIS MEGERIAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden will travel to Europe next week for face-to-face talks with European leaders about the Russian invasion of Ukraine, White House press secretary Jen Psaki announced Tuesday.

Biden will meet with European leaders at an extraordinary NATO summit in Brussels on March 24. He will also attend a scheduled European Council summit, where efforts to impose sanctions and further humanitarian efforts are underway.

“While he’s there, his goal is to meet in person face-to-face with his European counterparts and talk about, assess where we are at this point in the conflict in the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. We’ve been incredibly aligned to date,” Psaki said. “That doesn’t happen by accident. The president is a big believer in face-to-face diplomacy. So it’s an opportunity to do exactly that.”

The White House announced the president’s travel shortly before Biden on Tuesday signed a bill providing \$13.6 billion in additional military and humanitarian aid to Ukraine as part of a \$1.5 trillion government spending measure.

Biden said at the bill signing ceremony that the U.S. was “moving urgently to further augment the support to the brave people of Ukraine, as they defend their country.”

The trip follows Vice President Kamala Harris’ visit to eastern flank NATO countries of Poland and Romania last week to discuss with leaders the growing refugee crisis in eastern Europe sparked by the Russian invasion and to underscore the Biden administra-

tion’s support for NATO allies.

Poland’s foreign minister Zbigniew Rau said Tuesday that a visit by Biden to Poland was “very probable” when he comes to Europe. More than 1.8 million Ukrainians have fled to Poland since the start of the war, according to the United Nations. More than 3 million people have fled Ukraine since Russian launched its invasion.

“It would be hard to imagine a better place for the United States and for the entire alliance to stress their position than the brightest link on the eastern flank, that Poland is,” Rau told Polish state TVP INFO.

Psaki said she did not have additional details about whether Biden would visit Poland during the trip.

The White House’s announcement of Biden’s visit to Brussels came on the same day that leaders of Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovenia set out for Kyiv by train despite the security risks to show their support for Ukraine. It was a visit EU officials said was not sanctioned by other members of the 27-nation bloc.

Daniel Hamilton, a former deputy assistant secretary of state for European affairs, said Biden’s trip to Europe comes as the White House looks to continue to maintain what’s been a largely unified western opposition to Russia since the invasion.

“As the war continues, it’s important that the president show he is not sitting comfortably across the Atlantic, but that he is part of the coalition meeting with European colleagues in Europe and that the United States is a European power,” said Hamilton, non-resident fellow at Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank.

Associated Press writers Monika Scislowska and Tracy Brown contributed reporting.



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# Obituaries

## Prince of the church: Catechism wrong on LGBTQ doctrines

It isn't every day that a prince of the Roman Catholic Church, and a strategic Jesuit ally of the pope, openly rejects centuries of Christian teachings that clash with core doctrines of the Sexual Revolution. "The Church's positions on homosexual relationships as sinful are wrong," said Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich of Luxembourg in a recent interview with KDA, a German Catholic news agency. "I believe that the sociological and scientific foundation of this doctrine is no longer correct. It is time for a fundamental revision of Church teaching, and the way in which Pope Francis has spoken of homosexuality could lead to a change in doctrine. ...

"In our archdiocese, in Luxembourg, no one is fired for being homosexual, or divorced and remarried. I can't toss them out – they would become unemployed, and how can such a thing be Christian? As for homosexual priests, there are many of these, and it would be good if they could talk about this with their bishop without his condemning them."

The latest unorthodox proclamations by Cardinal Hollerich commanded attention because he leads the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union, and is also the pope's choice for "relator general" for the October 2023 global Synod of Bishops, where he will help shape its work to weigh the church's future.

"This Cardinal seems to be claiming a private revelation which is contrary to scripture & the Catechism of the Catholic Church," tweeted Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas, an outspoken conservative. "Any private revelation that contradicts public revelation must be condemned."

However, the recent "Synodal Way" meetings of German Catholic leaders voted to approve draft texts that affirmed some of Cardinal Hollerich's beliefs, including overwhelming approval for a document entitled "Blessing celebrations for couples who love each other." Support was just as strong for a "Magisterial reassessment of homosexuality" text stating that official church teachings on chastity and homosexuality "should be revised."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that persons experiencing same-sex attraction "must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided." However, citing Scripture

and church tradition, it also teaches, "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered" and thus "contrary to the natural law. ... Under no circumstances can they be approved."

The crucial question: Was Cardinal Hollerich attempting to steer Pope Francis toward change, or airing views he already knew had support inside the Vatican?

Pope Francis has, as recently as last year, affirmed the Catechism on these issues – signing a Vatican decree barring priests from blessing same-sex unions, since they are "not ordered to the Creator's plan" and God "cannot bless sin."

The pope also released a letter this past December praising 50 years of work by Sister Jeannine Gramick, a leader in ministries seeking change on behalf of LGBTQ Catholics. In 1999, Pope John Paul II had signed a statement by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger – the future Pope Benedict XVI – prohibiting Gramick and her New Ways Ministry co-worker, the late Father Robert Nugent, from all "pastoral work involving homosexual persons."

But Pope Francis praised Gramick for her 50 years of ministry conducted in the "style of God," offering "closeness, compassion and tenderness" while "suffering" with others without "condemning anyone."

Now, Cardinal Hollerich has openly called for the kinds of doctrinal changes that Catholic progressives have been seeking for decades.

"We must change our way of considering sexuality. Until today we have had a rather repressed view of it," he said in another recent interview – this time with La Croix, a Catholic newspaper in France. "This is clearly not a matter of telling people they can do anything or of abolishing morality, but I believe we have to say that sexuality is a gift from God. We know this, but do we say it? I'm not sure."

The upcoming Synod of Bishops, he stressed, is the time for flexibility on tough issues.

"This is a synod. It must be open. As the pope says, it is the Holy Spirit who is the master builder. So, we must also leave room for the Holy Spirit. ... This change in decision-making goes hand in hand with a real change in civilization, which we are facing. And the Church, as it has always done throughout its history, must adapt to it."

Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi. *Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.*

### Phyllis Joan Farmer

Aug. 6, 1945 – March 13, 2022

Phyllis Joan Farmer, 76, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 4:18 pm, Sunday, March 13, 2022, at Miller's Merry Manor East in Wabash. She was born on Aug. 6, 1945, in Harlan, Kentucky, to William and Nell (Hall) Cole.

Phyllis married Harold Laroy Farmer in Wabash on Dec. 31, 1964; he died Nov. 11, 2015. She worked as an aide at Vernon Manor in Wabash for 10 years. Phyllis was a member of the Wabash Free Will Baptist Church. She enjoyed playing games and collecting dolls and knick knacks. Phyllis lived in Wabash since 1964, coming from Harlan, Kentucky.

She is survived by four children, Dallas Farmer of Somerset, Indiana, Mike Farmer of Kimmell, Indiana, Tracy (Michael) Day and Lisa (Scott) Rife, both of Wabash; seven grandchildren, Michael (Katrina) Farmer of Kokomo, Indiana, Christina Hitlaw, Aaron Hitlaw, Sarah (Matt) Eis, Jessica Baker, Abby Rife, and Emily (Shawn) Light, all of Wabash; eight great grandchildren; sisters and brothers, Carol (Barry) Wilkerson of Brownsburg, Indiana, Bill Cole of Harlan, Kentucky, Diana Cole of Middlesboro, Kentucky,



Sharon (Bill) Compton of Pemberville, Ohio, Reba (Rick) Blakeney of Kutztown, Pennsylvania, and Mark (Fran) Cole of Anna, Illinois. She was also preceded in death by her parents, infant son, Harold Farmer Jr., grandson, Logan Hitlaw, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Thursday, March 17, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 9:30-10:30 am Thursday, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Phyllis may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### Reta Y. Bahney

June 3, 1937 – Feb. 19, 2022

Reta Y. Bahney, 84, of rural Akron, Indiana passed at 6:06 am, Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022 at her residence.

Reta was born on June 3, 1937 in Altona, Michigan to the late Lonnie and Elizabeth (Stine) Hopkins. She married on June 3, 1962 in the Akron Church of God to Virgil U. "Butch" Bahney, who preceded her in death on June 12, 2009.

She was a 1955 graduate of Akron High School. She then served her country in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1957, where she was a secretary to high ranking officers. Reta had then worked for Pike Lumber, General Tire, Square D, as well as doing accounting work and being a homemaker. She loved to spend time with her grandkids and great grandkids. She could be found on many days watching game shows and cooking shows on television.

She is survived by her son Paul M. Bahney and fiancé Patsy Waymire of Rochester; daughters Denise Messer of Warsaw and Lisa Bahney of Akron; grandchildren Ashley, Logan, Jericca, Dustin, and Bailey; 7 Great Grandchildren; sisters Lorraine Thompson of LaFontaine and Eleanor Bailey of Warsaw; and a brother Dwayne Hopkins of Wabash.

Reta was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Butch, and sisters



Linda Kelly and Sandra Mitchell.

A memorial service will take place at 1:00 pm, Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Pastor Wayne Balmer officiating. Following the service military rites will be performed by the Fulton County Honor Guard.

A private interment took place in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial visitation will be from 11 am to 1 pm, Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to Kindred Hospice or to the Fulton County Honor Guard.

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### Elda Eppley

Elda Eppley, of LaFontaine, Indiana passed away on March 10, 2022.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on March 18, 2022, at LaFontaine United Methodist Church 2 West Kendall Street, LaFontaine, Indiana 46940.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m., March 17, 2022, at McDonald Funeral Homes, LaFontaine Chapel 104 South Main Street LaFontaine, Indiana. 46940.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

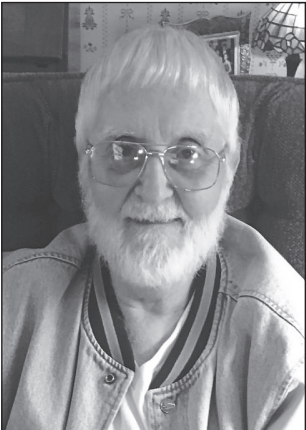
### Wayne Allen Waggoner

Feb. 8, 1941 – March 12, 2022

Wayne Allen Waggoner, 81, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 9:50 pm, Saturday, March 12, 2022, at Miller's Merry Manor East in Wabash. He was born on Feb. 8, 1941, in Wabash, to Herschell H. "Hank" and Ruby (Ridenour) Waggoner.

Wayne was a 1959 graduate of Lagro High School. He married Carol S. Ragan at the Lagro United Methodist Church on May 12, 1961. He worked at General Tire in Wabash, retiring after 47 years, and also worked at the Wabash Parks Department 7 years and was a farmer. Wayne was a member of the Lincolnville United Methodist Church, the Hanna Masonic Lodge, and Fort Wayne Scottish Rite. He enjoyed cutting wood, going to tractor pulls, Nascar racing, and inventing things.

He is survived by his wife, Carol S. Waggoner of Wabash; two children, Kelly (Brad) Taylor of Leesburg, Indiana, and Brent (Shari) Waggoner of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; six grandchildren, Wesley Cummings and Caitlyn (Robert) Reamer, both of Marion, Indiana, Hannah Waggoner of Bonners Ferry, Emorie (Kyle) Marine of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Samantha (Jared) Harnish



of Carmel, Indiana, and Madison (Josh) Teulker of Browntown, Indiana; nine great grandchildren; and his sister, Carol (Max) Cox of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm, Thursday, March 17, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Brent Waggoner officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 3-7 pm Wednesday, at the funeral home, with a 7 pm Masonic service.

Preferred memorial is Wabash Parks Department.

The memorial guest book for Wayne may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### Lori L. Dove

Jan. 19, 1962 – March 8, 2022

Lori L. Dove, 60, of Fort Wayne passed away on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Lori was born Jan. 19, 1962 in La Fontaine, Indiana. She was a graduate of Southwood High School and later earned her Associates Degree from Ball State University. She worked in Payroll and Human Resources at Electric Motors & Specialties LLC in Garrett.

Surviving family include her husband, James "Jim" Dove; father, Larry Barton; children, Zach Reynolds, Michael Reynolds, Trisha Wargo, Jon Dove, James

Dove, Jr., Shanna Miller, and Justin Dove; and 15 grandchildren.

She was preceded in passing by her mother, Rose Joan (Pogue) Barton; and her brother, Daniel Barton.

Funeral service will be Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be at 3:00 p.m. at La Fontaine I.O.O.F Cemetery, La Fontaine. Condolences may be left online at [www.hockemeyermillerfh.com](http://www.hockemeyermillerfh.com).

### Edward Stanley Smith

Aug. 29, 1933 – March 12, 2022

Edward Stanley Smith was born on Aug. 29, 1933, in Shouyang, (northern) China, to missionaries Frances Jane Sheller and William Harlan Smith. Ed died peacefully in his sleep Saturday morning, March 12, 2022, at the Timbercrest Senior Living Community, North Manchester, IN.

Ed and Jean met as fresh-

men at Manchester College and were married on Memorial Day, 1953, at the Manchester Church of the Brethren. They have three children, Melea Smith, Michelle Brown and Bret Smith; nine grandchildren (Andrew, Aaron and Sarah Ross; Collin Brown; Dawn, Cassie, Bret Jr., Michelle and Patrick Smith); and 26 great-grandchildren.

### Wilma Louise Partridge

Wilma Louise Partridge, 100, North Manchester, passed away on March 11, 2022 at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester, Indiana.

The loving memory of Wilma Louise Partridge will be forever cherished by her daughter, Judith Ann Townley, Redding, California; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Partridge, Redding, California; a

very special nephew, Sam Knight, North Manchester, Indiana, and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Russel and Ruby (Klinger) Cauffman; husband, Robert E. Partridge; son, Robert Michael Partridge; sister, Evelyn Knight, and brother-in-law, Kenneth Knight.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

# Senate approves bill to make daylight saving time permanent

By FARNOUSH AMIRI  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate unanimously approved a measure Tuesday that would make daylight saving time permanent across the United States next year.

The bipartisan bill, named the Sunshine Protection Act, would ensure Americans would no longer have to change their clocks twice a year. But the bill still needs approval from the House, and the signature of President Joe Biden, to become law.

"No more switching clocks, more daylight hours to spend outside after school and after work, and more smiles – that is what we get with permanent Daylight Saving Time," Sen. Ed Markey of Massachusetts, the original cosponsor of the legislation, said in a statement.

Markey was joined on the chamber floor by senators from both parties as they made the case for how making daylight saving time permanent would have positive effects on public health and the economy and even cut energy consumption.

"Changing the clock twice a year is outdated and unnecessary," Republican Sen. Rick Scott of Florida said.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again: Americans want more sunshine and less depression – people in this country, all the way from Seattle to Miami, want the Sunshine Protection Act," Sen. Patty Murray of Washington added.

Nearly a dozen states across the U.S. have already standardized daylight saving time.

Daylight saving time is defined as a period between spring and fall when clocks in

most parts of the country are set one hour ahead of standard time. Americans last changed their clocks on Sunday. Standard time lasts for roughly four months in most of the country.

Members of Congress have long been interested in the potential benefits and costs of daylight saving time since it was first adopted as a war-time measure in 1942. The proposal will now go to the House, where the Energy and Commerce Committee had a hearing to discuss possible legislation last week.

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In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Matthew 6:24

# Sacrifices needed to support Ukraine

Winning a war takes sacrifice. Ukrainian soldiers and citizens have inspired the world with their willingness to give everything – including, tragically, their lives – to defend their nation against the Russian invasion.

The West has rightly rallied to their cause. And while it's near nothing compared to the existential ordeal Ukrainians face, Americans must also muster a spirit of sacrifice, including in paying higher gas prices that are partly, although certainly not fully, a result of the war.

The most direct link came with President Joe Biden's Tuesday announcement that the U.S. would ban Russian oil and other energy imports. After levying extensive sanctions to nearly every other aspect of Russia's economy, it's the logical, and right, move. Energy fuels Russia's economy – and President Vladimir Putin's war machine. Reducing this revenue raises the economic and political cost of Putin's war of choice.

Not every Western country can contribute in the same way, a fact acknowledged by the Biden administration. The U.S. imports only a small fraction of its oil and petroleum products from Russia. Europe is far more dependent, and thus many continental countries announced aggressive but more gradual phaseout goals.

The U.S. ban comes amid a worldwide supply-demand imbalance that predates the war. Much of it was caused by a quicker-than-expected rebound in demand that came from COVID mitigation measures. Before that, oil prices and production had plunged, and didn't recover quickly enough to match more confident consumers' understandable desire to revert to normal life.

"As we come out of COVID, people want to fly more, they want to drive more, they want to get out," Alfred Marcus, a professor at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management, told an editorial writer. Marcus, author of "Managing Strategic Uncertainty: Booms and Busts in the Energy Industry," added that among other factors fueling the rise in gas prices was a prior agreement between OPEC and Russia to restrict

supply and thus raise the price of oil, as well as other oil-rich repressive regimes, particularly Iran and Venezuela, being sanctioned or shunned. And many domestic producers' business models were upended with the COVID curtailment of energy use and have not yet ramped up to reflect the new supply-demand dynamics.

Biden had been less encouraging to the industry than many previous presidents, mostly due to another threat: climate change. But today's shortage is not directly the result of last year's cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline from Canada, which was not scheduled to be completed until 2023. Nor is it the outcome of Biden temporarily stopping new drilling leases on federal lands in January of 2021, since a federal judge blocked the move just months later, and the permits are for production a few years in advance.

In fact, it's notable that as recently as December, Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm told oil executives attending a National Petroleum Council event to "please take advantage of the leases that you have, hire workers, get your rig count up."

U.S. producers should indeed heed these words. Domestic, not despot, sources should reflect the democratic values espoused in rallying support for Ukraine.

To alleviate the pain at the pump – which is real, and particularly hard on lower-income consumers – Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz has joined several other Democratic governors in calling for a federal gas-tax holiday. This may be good politics, but it's not good policy: The tax revenue is needed for federal expenditures, and the deficit is already unsustainable. Most profoundly, passing off even more debt to future generations for current consumption is the antithesis of the spirit shown by the Greatest Generation that sacrificed so much to fight totalitarianism during World War II. The sacrifices needed now are minor by comparison. We can, and should, bear them.

It's deeply disappointing to see so many Republicans vote to ban Russian energy imports, which they know will have an inflationary effect on gas prices, only to immediately turn around and try to score political

points by blasting Biden. Particularly shameful was former Vice President Mike Pence, whose political organization, Advancing America's Freedom, released a misleading ad ("Four Pinocchios," or a "whopper," according to the Washington Post) bashing Biden.

The ad, which focuses in part on the Keystone pipeline, is called "Horrific Decisions." But the real horrific decision is the one Pence and nearly every GOP lawmaker made in protecting former President Donald Trump in his impeachment trial over trying to leverage military aid to Ukraine for an investigation into Biden and his son Hunter.

It's not just Republicans who have disappointed. Rep. Ilhan Omar, the Fifth District Democrat, was one of only two from her party to vote against the ban on Russian oil. Among her justifications, according to a statement, was "putting the specifics into statute with no sunset and no conditions for lifting the ban creates a dangerous scenario, one in which we are taking today's policy question and making it tomorrow's political question."

Policy is by its nature political. And setting a sunset on the ban will only encourage Putin to wait out Western resolve at a time when that rediscovered unity has clearly caught Putin off guard and raised the cost of his war.

A more rational analysis came from Second District Democrat Angie Craig, who told the Star Tribune's Hunter Woodall that, "I also think that we have to remain energy independent, so if that means in the short term we have to increase our domestic production or encourage private companies to do that, then that's what we need to do. But at the end of the day, we've got to accelerate our transition to renewable energy."

Perhaps Prof. Marcus summed up the economics – and the ethos – best. "We're fighting a war," he said. "There has to be a certain amount of sacrifice. I think we have to be frank about that to people in the United States as to why this is happening. And also, that it isn't permanent."

*This editorial was first published in the Star Tribune.*



# Equal pay is achievable

By GINA RODRIGUEZ

Think back on a regular workday this year, maybe a Monday in January or February. It had its ups and downs. It was snowy, dreary. You left home before the sun came up; roadwork caused long traffic delays. Seeing your colleagues brightened it a bit but there were frustrations too. Maybe a lost glove; maybe you missed your train, and on top of that the added stress of the complex considerations you're constantly assessing to keep yourself and your family safe from COVID.

If you're a woman, the money you made that day was already in a man's pocket by Dec. 31.

That's the idea behind Equal Pay Day – the date on the calendar each year through which a woman who works full-time, all year-round has to work to get paid the same amount a man did the previous year. For 2022, Equal Pay Day was Tuesday, March 15, 74 days after New Year's Eve. Thinking through this lens helps drive home the fundamental unfairness of the persistent gender and racial wage gap in our country. That wage gap is sadly, even

larger for Black women (64 percent) and Hispanic women (57 percent) compared to white non-Hispanic men.

The Biden-Harris administration has placed gender and racial equity at the center of its domestic framework for building a better America. The American Rescue Plan and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law contain meaningful levers for combating structural inequities.

To understand how the gender wage gap expresses in our current economy, especially in the wake of COVID-19, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) released a new report: "Bearing the Cost: How Over-representation in Undervalued Jobs Disadvantaged Women During the Pandemic." The report examines the varied experiences of working women during the pandemic. Some lost jobs, others left work to care for children or family, and still others did essential work putting their health and safety at-risk. Amid all of this – for the first time in a modern recession – women saw worse employment impacts than men. Women lost 11.9 million jobs compared to 10.1 million for men between February and April 2020.

The report unpacks a concept known as "occupational segregation," or the division of men and women into different types of jobs. For example, 93 percent of childcare workers are women, but women are only 2 percent of electricians. The impact of occupational segregation is that the types of jobs where women are concentrated are valued less and pay lower wages than those where men are concentrated. Occupational segregation contributed to women's greater job losses during the pandemic. Its causes are deep and widespread across our society, ranging from outright discrimination to subtle stereotypes and social norms that push women into particular fields of study and career pathways.

Occupational segregation has significant consequences. It preserves racial and gender wage gaps while reducing economic growth overall. Segregation by industry and occupation cost Black women an estimated \$39.3 billion, and Hispanic women an estimated \$46.7 billion in lower wages compared to white men in 2019.

DOL studied the local effects of occupational

segregation, and finds that in Indiana:

- Women's overall wage gap compared to men was 76 cents;
- Hispanic women's wage gap compared to white non-Hispanic men was 57 cents;
- Black women's wage gap compared to white non-Hispanic men was 65 cents.

The good news is there are ways we can chip away at these disparities. For example, if you're a woman in a union, you made up men's 2021 earnings by Valentine's Day, a.k.a. Union Women's Equal Pay Day. That's why Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh has made supporting worker organizing and collective bargaining a key feature of the department's Good Jobs Initiative, an effort to harness unprecedented worker power to make inroads toward fairer and more sustainable working conditions for all.

We can also take other actions, including the following:

- Supporting women as they enter male-dominated fields.
- Fighting to raise wages and ensure job quality in women-dominated jobs.

- Making high-quality, affordable and accessible child care.
  - Increasing funding for home- and community-based care.
  - Supporting paid family and medical leave.
  - Strengthening overtime protections.
  - Demanding predictable scheduling.
  - Ensuring racial and gender equity in all jobs, especially those newly created climate and infrastructure job on projects funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure bill.
- Most importantly, we can recognize that the status quo – 74 extra days of the blaring alarm clock and the delayed morning bus before we are compensated equally with men – are not conditions we have to accept, that we must not resign ourselves to unfairness simply because it's so typical. Instead, we can imagine a post-pandemic recovery that is truly equitable, and where Equal Pay Day is Dec. 31.

*Gina Rodriguez is the regional administrator of the U.S. Department of Labor's Women's Bureau in Chicago, which develops policies and standards and conducts inquiries to safeguard the interests of working women.*

## LETTERS

### A 'father system' of government

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus asks his followers to do democracy. Its first line reads, "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."

In the ancient world, the name of a person summed up the entire personality and belief system of the individual. God is politically like a father, not a ruler.

In the second line, Jesus says that the father's government in heaven needs to be transferred to earth: "Thy kingdom come, on earth, as it is in heaven." The Bible text points throughout to an earthly government "kingdom" guided by laws like the Ten Commandments or other democratic constitutions, not by lifetime, power-hungry rulers.

Fathers and mothers do not have subjects in their families like kings do. They have children who need to be protected, supported, and nurtured. Family government is temporarily empowered to shepherd those under their care until they can be equally empowered citizens of the realm. A national or state democratic government is temporarily empowered in the same way, until the next election.

But American Christians in government leadership today want to stay in power over their subjects forever and to accumulate more and more power through centralized rather than decentralized, family-type decision-making.

What would Jesus say?

**Kimball Shinkoskey**  
Woods Cross, Utah

### The Biden administration shouldn't prop up an outdated industry

I was sad to learn the Biden administration plans to spend \$1 billion to increase the nation's slaughter capacity. Instead, the White House should invest these funds into open-access cultivated-meat research. For those who don't know, cultivated meat is grown from animal cells, without slaughter. It's better for the environment, public health and animal welfare.

Cultivated meat requires a fraction of the greenhouse-gas emissions to produce that raising livestock does. Since animals are removed from the process, the risk of zoonotic diseases making the jump to humans is eliminated. Finally, widespread adoption of cultivated meat would mean relegating battery cages, gestation crates, and livestock trucks to a less compassionate past.

The Biden administration shouldn't prop up an outdated industry that is harming the planet, our health and our fellow creatures. They should use the funding for open-access cultivated-meat research. This will help bring these products to market faster, at a competitive price with slaughtered meat. It will also assist the development of whole-cut offerings, like cultivated steak.

**Jon Hochschartner**  
Granby, Connecticut



# Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR holds March meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12

## STAFF REPORT

The monthly meeting of the Frances Slocum Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) took place on Tuesday, March 8 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, according to regent Barbara Amiss.

The meeting opened with the DAR ritual, followed by devotions by Amiss.

The March President General’s message from Denise Doring VanBuren was shared by Joyce Joy-Baker.

“Our National Society was proud to recently announce that ours is the first heritage society to sign a formal partnership agreement with America250, the organization planning the federal government’s Semiquincentennial observances,” said Doring VanBuren. “They have been crucial partners since the earliest stages of planning for the 250th commemoration, and this agreement now formally recognizes that long-standing relationship.”

The National Defense Re-



Sharon Dillman, the regent of Nineteenth Star Chapter, of Peru, gave the program in first person as Frances Slocum of Miami County.

port was on National Freedom of Information Day on March 16. Enacted in 1966, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) grants individuals the right to access information held by the federal government. The basic function of the FOIA is to ensure informed citizens, vital to the functioning of a democratic society. The public’s right to know creates accountability and keeps citizens informed about how their government is operating. The report was given by Kie Kirk.

Committee minutes were on Conservation: Nation’s

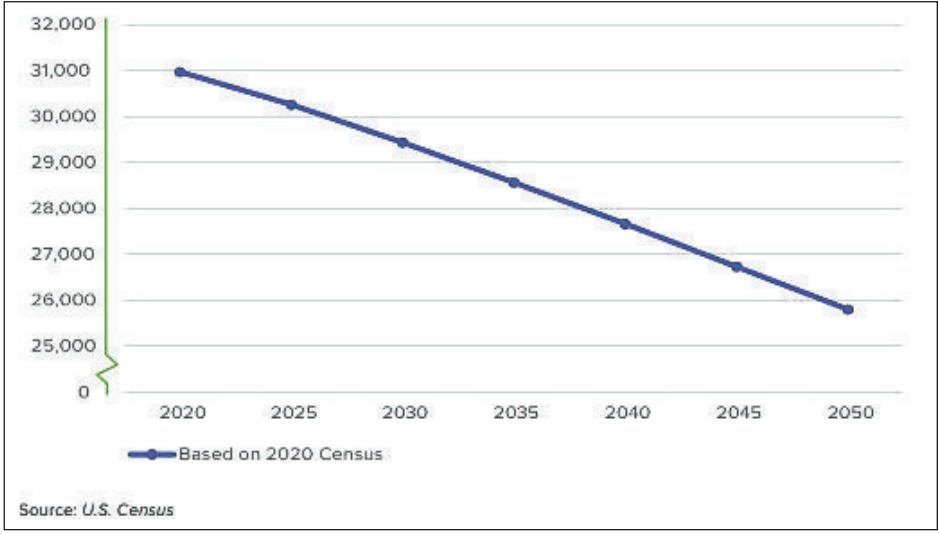
Record-holders, American Flag: Modifications, American Indian: Sequoyah, Constitution: Voting Age, Women’s Issues: Heart Attack and Stroke and America 250 Minute by Esther DeBerdt Reed.

Sharon Dillman, the regent of Nineteenth Star Chapter, of Peru, gave the program in first person as Frances Slocum of Miami County. Captured as a child by the Delaware Indians in 1778 from her Pennsylvania home, she grew up with the Indians, married a Miami chief and lived in Indiana till her death in 1847 at age 74.

The next meeting of the Frances Slocum Chapter will be Tuesday, April 12 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room.

Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution.

Those having questions about their family history lineage information visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org) or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Amiss at 260-982-4376.



This graph shows the projected local population loss through 2050, based on the 2020 Census figures.

## POPULATION

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meetings, surveys and the Mighty Wabash County Summit last July,” said CFWC executive director Patty Grant. “Despite the limitation of the pandemic, an engaged public submitted more than 1,000 comments regarding ways to grow Wabash County and realize a bold vision for the county’s future.”

While northeast Indiana’s 11-county region has consistently grown for four decades, Wabash County has not. The 11-county region’s 2020 population total was 797,701 people for Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties, compared to 759,086 in 2010. The three counties that lost population in the past decade were Huntington, Noble and Wabash counties at 462, 79 and 1,912 residents respectively.

After four decades of population decline, there are now around 5,000 fewer residents, a 14 percent decline, one-half of the city of Wabash. To regain the local population and continue to grow as communities, Wabash County will need to add 85 households each year.

In addition to general population loss, Wabash County’s labor force has taken a significant hit over the past few years, down from 15,048 in December 2019 to 14,234 in December 2020.

The stated goal of Imagine One 85 is to come up with a plan that “will ensure our future is not left to chance.”

The 100-page, seven-chapter plan includes 85 action items aimed at growing Wabash County’s population.

Mark Becker, of Becker Consulting, on behalf of Parkview Health, has assisted many northeast Indiana communities with strategic plans.

“Great communities don’t just happen, they result from engaged citizens, thoughtful planning and collaborative leadership,” said Becker. “The communities of Wabash County are to be congratulated for coming together to ‘Imagine One 85,’ establishing a shared vision and shared goals for the future development of the county. Amazing things can happen when opportunity meets preparation – with this plan, Wabash County is preparing itself for an exciting future.”

The plan’s 85 unique recommendations are or-

# Life during wartime

We are watching something quite foreign as we watch Russia attack Ukraine. It’s not the bombing of everything from maternity wards to nuclear power plants, though those atrocities are shocking. But in the midst of the inhumanity of war, we are also seeing some of the best of humanity. Radical hospitality is on display in Ukraine, and that’s what can be quite foreign to Americans.

Though we are a nation of immigrants, our track record on welcoming them, to say nothing of refugees, has not been great. Currently, we have an illegal immigration crisis, but also exhibit a bipartisan cruelty toward true refugees fleeing genocide and other persecution. (For all its lip service to religious freedom, the Trump administration wasn’t as generous to Iraqi Christians and others fleeing the evil of ISIS as it should have been.)

The Knights of Columbus are among those making a difference at home and abroad. As soon as the war began, the Catholic fraternal order launched a Ukraine Solidarity Fund. It’s raised over \$5 million as I write. The money goes only to help Ukrainians; there is no overhead. The Knights have

people on the ground in both Poland and Ukraine. There are “mercy huts” in Poland 100 yards from the border crossing. They are able to get supplies into Ukraine while feeding and providing other resources to people waiting to cross the border.

Szymon Czyszek, head of the Knights in Poland, says he is seeing a new solidarity movement on the streets of Poland, and believes it is having a transformative effect on the people there. Every morning, he receives text messages about getting families out of Kyiv.

An American Dominican priest, Patrick Briscoe, headed over in recent days. As a young cleric, he had spent months in Poland helping prepare for the 2016 visit of Pope Francis there, so knows the lay of the land, at least in a time of peace. The Dominicans have been in Ukraine for basically their entire existence – the first Dominican convent in Ukraine opened 800 years ago. They’ve been there ever since, and remain as the country is under attack.

Father Briscoe is editor of the online magazine Aleteia, and is writing about what he sees on the ground. His first dispatch told the story of a family staying at a Warsaw headquarters of the Knights in the old Jewish ghetto, bombed out during World War II and rebuilt after. For three days, a mother and her teenage son walked to

the border. They obviously couldn’t bring much with them. She brought a papal medallion that belonged to her grandfather, a rosary and a heavy, gold-plated crucifix. Sacrificing meat on Fridays is nothing compared to what Christians in Ukraine are confronting.

Christianity at its best sees the image of God in the human person, and cares for and receives every person as if they were in the presence of God. This is the stuff of the Sermon on the Mount. This is what the Knights in Poland and Ukraine are doing right now. On a press call, Czyszek talked about the biblical mandate to serve widows and orphans. He says the scenes in the train stations and all around his homeland are like nothing he has ever seen. He wants the women to know they are not alone or forgotten or unwanted. “We want to carry your burdens. We want to overcome evil with good,” he said is the Knights’ message to them.

We have a lot to learn from how the Knights and others are stepping up to the plate to help their neighbors in need.

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## BOOK

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Manchester University – developed the first Kit of Comfort and training for Children’s Disaster Services.

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## STORE

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paper products, over-the-counter medicines, hygiene products, baby items and more.”

“In addition to the national and private branded products customers trust Dollar General to carry, the new Wabash location includes the company’s new stylish, on-trend home decor and an expanded party preparation selection,” said Hall. “The new store also features a curated as-

sortment of fresh fruits and vegetables including lettuce, tomatoes, onions, apples, strawberries, potatoes, sweet potatoes, lemons, limes, salad mixes and more. The produce set offers the top 20 items typically sold in traditional grocery stores and covers approximately 80 percent of produce categories most grocery stores carry.”

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# ‘We can not incarcerate our way out of the problem’

Wabash County leaders lead recovery efforts for locals battling addictions

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Like every community in the country, Wabash County has been reeling from the staggering increase in the number of people struggling with chemical addictions, especially opioids.

Nearly one in 12 Hoosiers, almost a half million people, meet the criteria for having a substance use disorder (SUD), according to Indiana University.

Drug overdoses in Indiana have nearly doubled since 2010, growing from 923 to 1,809 in 2017.

Approximately 4,000 Hoosiers have died from opioids in the last decade.

Indiana’s drug-induced mortality rate quadrupled between 2000 and 2014.

More Hoosiers now die from drug overdoses than car crashes.

Between 2012 and 2016, deaths related to synthetic opioids in Indiana increased over 600 percent.

Bowen Center addiction recovery services director Wayne Peterson-Stephan said that while opioid addiction has been a problem “for a while,” it has been “getting worse,” because synthetic opioids such as fentanyl have become “a huge game-changer” in this part of the state.

“I know it kind of hurt in central Indiana and I think it’s really made its way to northeast Indiana. That’s just such a huge part of the opioid crisis and that increase in overdose because it’s such a potentially lethal substance and because we see it laced with other substances and users ... purchasing substances they may not even realize that was laced with fentanyl. And then they don’t have the tolerance for it,” said Peterson-Stephan.

In response, officials from many professions in the community – including law enforcement officers, judges, probation officers, counselors, volunteers, medical professionals, recovering addicts and others – have joined together to tackle this ongoing issue.

### Law enforcement perspective

WPD public information officer Capt. Matt A. Benson said just during the last year, they had responded to 17 calls for overdose, two of those being fatalities. Benson said out of the 17 overdose calls they responded to they had enough evidence on nine of those to send paperwork for criminal charges.

Benson said their officers have used the opioid overdose treatment Narcan in the past, but that there was “no documentation on how many times we have used it and or have been successful.”

“There have been several times a drug user possesses their own Narcan that someone else in the home has already used on them before police or medics arrive on scene,” said Benson.

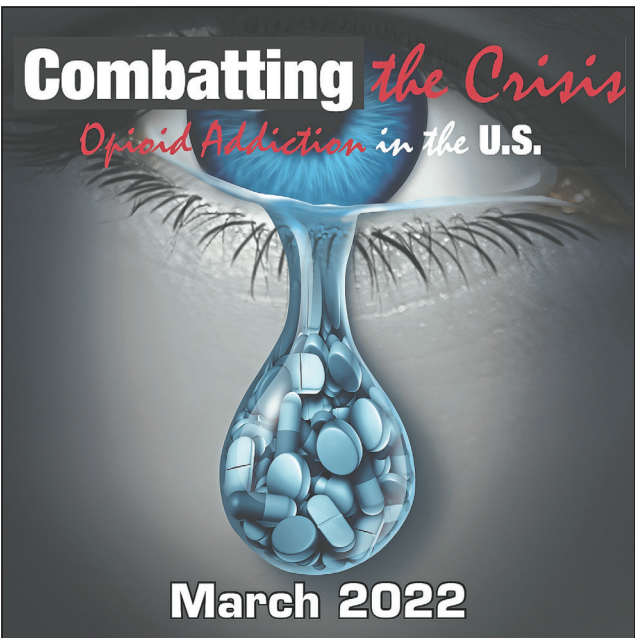
Benson said opioids and other illicit drugs “have a huge impact on law enforcement” and are often associated with crimes including thefts, burglaries and domestic violence, among others.

Benson said if they arrest someone for a drug-related crime, the officers will conduct a preliminary field test

### Editors note

This is part three of our five-part series – a collaboration between the five papers in our newsgroup – looking into overdoses and substance

use disorder. The goal of the section is to increase collaboration to reduce fatal overdoses and drug dependency in north central Indiana.



kit to see if they get a positive test. However, they still must send the suspected illegal narcotic to the Indiana State Police (ISP) lab in Fort Wayne.

“An average turnaround time is about six months to receive the lab-confirmed tests,” said Benson. In the meantime, while we wait, some drug cases sit in the courts until the lab results return. Investigating a drug-related case is very time-consuming for each individual officer.”

### ‘Problem Solving Courts’

Once an arrest is made by law enforcement, that’s when the courts become involved.

Wabash Circuit Court Judge Robert R. “Bob” McCallen III said Wabash County has three “Problem Solving Courts,” as they are generally called.

McCallen operates a “Family Recovery and Preservation Court” for DCS families, while Judge Benjamin D. Vanderpool operates a “Drug Court” for criminal defendants and also a “Re-entry Court” for defendants coming back from the Department of Corrections (DOC).

McCallen said he was “very proud” of the number of these problem solving courts Wabash County has per capita.

“Wabash County, in my opinion, has been very proactive in addressing the opioid epidemic,” said McCallen. “However, much remains to be done.”

McCallen said these local courts involve a team, which includes the Probation Department, DCS, local mental health and substance use providers such as Parkview Hospital and the Bowen Center, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), prosecutors and their deputies, judges and peer recovery coaches.

McCallen said the peer recovery coaches are “folks who have been involved with substance abuse and the courts and bring their valuable perspective and support to our participants.”

McCallen said it was around two and a half years ago they began the “Family Problem Court” in the Wabash Circuit Court before being later officially certified by the state. McCallen said graduates receive a toy fire truck to mark the history of the program locally. The court began with former Judge Christopher M. Goff, who is now an Indiana Supreme Court justice. McCallen began serving in the Wabash Circuit Court in 2005. McCallen said Goff came to Wabash shortly after

he started his position. It was at this time that Goff brought these courts to Wabash.

“Approximately two years later we began collaborating so that ‘Family Court’ cases could also receive the benefit of the ‘Problem Solving Court’ philosophy,” said McCallen.

McCallen said at that time, Wabash was only the second county in the state with this type of court.

“Since he was the leader in problem-solving, I transferred my cases to him. We did it very informally and, at that time, did not seek certification for the ‘Family Court,’” said McCallen.

McCallen said after Goff left, these courts “fell off for a bit,” but were “resurrected” under Judge Amy Conner Cornell, Vanderpool’s predecessor.

McCallen said Cornell was the first female judge ever in Wabash County.

“She was a remarkable person. In addition to being a judge, she received her divinity degree and was an ordained minister,” said McCallen. “She brought a unique set of skills and perspective to the judiciary.”

“She had a love for people and for reaching out to them in their moment of greatest need,” he said. “Sadly, she lost her courageous battle with cancer less than a year after she became judge, leaving behind her husband and three small children. It was a terrible loss to everyone. However, her spirit lives on.”

McCallen said Cornell was “passionate” about this court “and its ability to positively impact those who participated in it.”

“It is, in my opinion, her legacy,” said McCallen, during a recent graduation ceremony. “One time I had done something. I don’t recall what it was. But she was very happy about it. She told me in an email which I still have that I was, ‘Fire Trucking Awesome.’ I have never forgotten that. If she were here, she would tell you that you are ‘Fire Trucking Awesome,’ as well. On her behalf, I do so now. I hope you will take pride in receiving the fire truck. You should.”

McCallen said for the last 12 years or so, Wabash County leaders have been meeting monthly in what is known as the “Success for All” committee. When they can meet in person, these meetings occur at the YMCA. Attendees include school superintendents, teachers, counselors, mental health professionals, law enforcement, judges, commissioners, legislators,



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Graduates receive a toy fire truck to mark the history of the program locally.

clergy and other service providers throughout the community such as the Purdue Extension Office, Tobacco Free Coalition, the ACCESS and a myriad of other folks and organizations.

“The purpose of the meeting is to discuss what we are all doing to support one another and to collaborate on a variety of issues affecting our youth. This committee is unique,” said McCallen. “Usually it’s the networking after the meeting that leads to new and innovative programming. Our common goal is to improve the lives of the children of Wabash County.”

McCallen said they have learned they can not “incarcerate our way out of the problem.”

“Most folks suffering from an addiction want to live a better life,” said McCallen. “We try very hard to help them in the most difficult of times. I am very proud of what Wabash County is doing. We truly take a team approach and will continue to improve our efforts to combat the opioid abuse epidemic.”

Wabash County Court Services director and chief probation officer Brian Swihart said these “Problem Solving Courts” that Wabash County utilizes “may indeed be the most impactful way community leaders are addressing the drug issue locally.”

“Instead of a jail sentence, these participants are given counseling, treatment for their additions or illnesses, educational assistance and healthcare support,” said Swihart. “Every person brings perspective to the team where the goal is to

help support the participant be successful while in our community.”

### Wabash County Alcohol and Drug Court Program

Swihart said another program within the Wabash County Court Services Department is the Wabash County Alcohol and Drug Court Program, the purpose of which is “to provide the appropriate type of substance abuse assessment, education, referral to treatment and case management to eligible court offenders in need of such services and in lieu of criminal detention.”

Swihart said in 2021 alone, the Wabash County Alcohol and Drug Court Program has referred 385 defendants.

“The program was established with three goals in mind: To improve public safety by reducing alcohol and drug-related criminal activity and deviant behavior; to improve the quality of life of offenders, their family members and the public by reducing the frequency and severity of substance use by offenders, and; to provide such services through the use of user fees at no expense to the taxpayer,” said Swihart.

Swihart said for a program to be successful, those goals need objectives.

“The Wabash County Alcohol and Drug Court Program operates off four key objectives: To provide eligible offenders with a timely, appropriate assessment, for the purpose of determining an appropriate type of intervention; to provide appropriate referral for offenders to

substance abuse education, outpatient treatment, and other services that will provide effective treatment for the offenders; to develop and maintain an effective network of treatment providers and contractors to whom clients may be referred; and to provide a continuum of care and management of an offender’s case that meets both the criminal justice and treatment system requirements by focusing on the compliance of the offender within their individualized treatment and criminal justice requirements,” said Swihart.

### Drug Steering Committee

Wabash Mayor Scott Long said looking at the issue as just involving opioids was too short-sighted.

“The media needs to start addressing this as a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) crisis and not an opioid crisis,” said Long. “The media does a disservice by focusing on only one substance. That is abused and causes problems. Alcohol, prescription medications, methamphetamine and many other things are abused that contribute to the problem.”

Long said since he took office in January 2016 local leaders have addressed this concern by first creating a Community Drug Steering Committee.

“This SUD issue needs to be tackled at the root cause, mental health, and we are doing our level best to partner with agencies to provide wrap-around services to help those people with SUD. To

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begin to eliminate the ‘crisis,’ we have to provide counseling through our mental health agencies to find out what it is that makes them turn to illicit substances to exist in life,” said Long. “If we can help SUD dependent people before they commit offenses that land them in jail, we lessen the burden on our judicial system and jail, assist them in getting jobs once they establish a life without substance dependency, teach them life skills in the settings we are providing, and giving them a sense of self-worth. There is no ‘one’ thing that we can do, it is a myriad of things that we have to accomplish to tackle this issue.”

Custer-Mitchell started the group back in 2016.

“I think there’s been a problem in every community in the country for years. Communities are doing more, Wabash County included, to get together and get organized,” said Custer-Mitchell. “The Drug Steering Committee isn’t a formal committee. We’re just a group in the community that has been meeting since 2016 to try to figure out what we can do to make things better.”

Custer-Mitchell said the group does education in the schools, in addition to other programs.

“You’ve got a treatment committee that has got some peer recovery coaches in place for people in court services. And then the transition committee is the committee that has been working on the women’s recovery house and getting that up and going,” said Custer-Mitchell.

Bowen Center director Danielle Gargiulo said she and the other members of the group “come together as a community” to find solutions.

“You look at ways to educate our community in substance use and in recovery. What resources we need to figure out?” said Gargiulo. “We’re doing education with our high schools ... trying to do that early prevention to help our kiddos to understand addiction. A lot of their parents might be in it too even if they’re not. So they’re already in that world. ... Just constantly trying to figure out how can we prevent and is there any way to get ahead of it together as a community. Because that’s the only way. We have to come together.”

### Faith-based recovery

New Beginnings Ministries of Wabash County is a faith-based men’s recovery home that began over a decade ago. Executive director Joe Scafani said the organization can house up to eight men at a time who are struggling with drug and alcohol addictions.

“We ask them to commit to a year,” said Scafani.

Scafani said the program is a combination of Bible studies with meetings of Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA).

Scafani said they see “a lot of childhood trauma with most of the guys that I have dealt with here.” Scafani said he knows the struggle from first-hand experience as he is a recovering addict and alcoholic.

“Past trauma is probably a number one issue. I see a lot of guys now and a lot of people now are second and third-generation addicts and alcoholics,” said Scafani.

Scafani said New Beginnings is an abstinence-based, 12-step recovery program combined with Biblical principles and life skills.

“I came up through AA, 12-step recovery,” said Scafani. “I believe it’s got a great deal to give.”

Scafani said there are different avenues and approaches that “are equally as helpful.”

“I think the mistake is made when one particular avenue thinks they’re the best or the only way or thinks that everybody makes it in their program because different people need different things,” said Scafani. “Some people need some medical help for a while. I think my opinion is that all recovery should lead people to an abstinence-based result in the end. Whether they need medication to get to that point or they’re able to go more of a cold turkey route, I think the end result should be pure sobriety.”



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Judge Benjamin D. Vanderpool operates a “Drug Court” for criminal defendants.

briety.”

Scafani said while they are a faith-based recovery center, “you don’t have to be a Christian to come here.”

“But we are going to have Bible studies and church and stuff. We just ask that you participate and that you get out of it everything that you can. Ask questions. But we’re not going to force somebody in or out because they’re a Christian or not a Christian,” said Scafani.

Brianna’s Hope is a faith-based recovery group that meets weekly at the First United Methodist Church. Andrea Bakehorn said the group is geared for anyone struggling with any type of drug addiction.

“We don’t push our faith but we just let them know God will help change things, but nobody’s required to have that,” said Bakehorn.

Scafani said the success of the particular participant was dependent upon their willingness to recognize the need to change their lives.

“They’re willing to do what it takes if they going to be able to stay clean and sober. It has less to do with statistics and more to do with where a person is at,” said Scafani. “Have they hit bottom? Are they really ready to do the work? Are they really ready to recover? And I find if people are doing for the right reasons then the main right reason is to do it for themselves because they realize they need it and they’re the problem then they have a much better chance than doing it for many other reasons.”

### Women's recovery center

Custer-Mitchell said a new transitional home is also being planned to open early this year.

Waypoint is a transitional living environment dedicated to promoting a healthy lifestyle for women living in sobriety.

Led by a local volunteer board of directors, the organization is seeking funding for the renovation phase of the new facility located at 189 N. Wabash St. Through a partnership with the city of Wabash and the Waypoint Board of Directors, the property was purchased from Indiana Landmarks and is currently being renovated to

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serve as a place where women can learn to live in sobriety while in transition.

“That is not open yet, but our goal is to open by the middle of the year ... for women leaving in-patient rehab or jail or prison that want to continue recovering,” said Custer-Mitchell. “They need a safe place. They need structure. They need to re-learn some life skills. They have to get a job. All those kinds of things. That’s kind of what New Beginnings does for men. That will open later this year.”

### Unresolved trauma

Gargiulo said the majority of the people they see are “self-medicating or coping due to trauma.”

Peterson-Stephan said the Bowen Center’s “Seeking Safety” group “speaks specifically to the trauma aspect.”

“Trauma is very often associated with addiction and we can argue chicken or the egg there,” said Peterson-Stephan. “Sometimes it’s an addiction that leads people even into further trauma, but oftentimes people have experienced various traumatic events in their life and for lack of knowing what else to do, they choose to self-medicate or treat that trauma with substances.”

Parkview Wabash Hospital substance use outpatient treatment program director Joel Makin said many patients are dealing with depression, anxiety, PTSD and other mental disorders.

Makin said their moral recognition therapy (MRT) is scheduled one day a week in both the morning and evening and is “a trauma-informed treatment.” Makin said they also have a mental health group that runs during the evenings, among other groups.

“They can kind of transition from the use the drugs

for that need and they’re able to identify some of those key needs that have gone unmet probably and caused some of this stuff and or have eroded over time because of using it,” said Makin. “That’s my favorite part is that deep processing. In every group, we have that and that’s kind of the standard. The first half we do that educational and the second half we do that kind of deeper processing.”

### Over-prescription

In addition to existing trauma, Peterson-Stephan said over-prescription of opioids by doctors is “a very real issue.”

Custer-Mitchell said there while there was “no doubt” that that over-prescription “occurred everywhere across the country,” Parkview Health’s Parkview Physicians Group (PPG) monitors opioid prescriptions by each physician.

“They track it. They trend it. They watch it,” said Custer-Mitchell. “If they see anybody prescribing more than they used to or a little higher than others they sit down and have a conversation and look at the patients involved and make sure that things are appropriate. ... We want a physician to monitor that and they know what they’re looking for and they can review charts and make sure that things are appropriate.”

Peterson-Stephan said methamphetamines being so prevalent also affected opioid use.

“We have patients who will report that they would go to an opioid to help them get off the meth or vice versa,” said Peterson-Stephan. “They would use meth to get off of the opioid because they kind of counterbalanced each other. Stimulant and a depressant and trying to wean yourself one off of the other.”

### Intensive outpatient programs

Custer-Mitchell said they have an intensive outpatient program (IOP) for those continuing their recovery.

“They’re here for three hours a day three times a week for outpatient therapy,” said Custer-Mitchell. “It’s really grown on us. It’s just bloomed. Fortunately and unfortunately.”

Peterson-Stephan said the Bowen Center also has an intensive outpatient treatment program.

“That’s for individuals who have a high risk of relapse and maybe had multiple episodes of treatment and aren’t quite to go to residential or maybe residential addiction treatment isn’t available,” said Peterson-Stephan.

Peterson-Stephan said this program is set up for nine hours a week of clinical intervention “to help them obtain and sustain their recovery efforts.”

“Sometimes it’s about the intervention and sometimes it’s about the delivery model,” said Peterson-Stephan. “Sometimes ... it takes a lot of time, and so they’re seeing someone every day almost every day they have someone, a clinical touch-point. They have more structure to help keep them in their recovery patterns and make sure that they’re staying on track with that.”

### Medication-assisted treatments

Custer-Mitchell said about a year ago Parkview Wabash Hospital also opened a medication-assisted program.

“If people are in recovery and using a medication to assist them as they move along,” said Custer-Mitchell. “We do that clinic with a psychiatrist to see the patient and diagnoses and doses.”

Custer-Mitchell said they have also started a medical detoxification program at Parkview Wabash Hospital in their in-patient unit.

“If somebody needs to detox, they want to go to an outpatient rehab or something, they can call and we screen them and if they meet the criteria and all we will provide that detox here,” said Custer-Mitchell. “It’s obviously medically supervised. They’re in a safe place.”

Makin said the Parkview

Wabash Hospital medication-assisted treatment includes Vivitrol, suboxone and naltrexone.

Makin said in addition there is also other drugs used that have side effects or off-label use. For example, the anti-depressant Wellbutrin, or bupropion, is often used for methamphetamine addiction.

Gargiulo said at the Bowen Center, their psychiatrists are all certified with medication-assisted treatment.

“They are knowledgeable with prescribing different medications that can help people, especially with opioid addiction specifically,” said Gargiulo.

Gargiulo said once patients are in the program, a doctor will also connect them to an outpatient treatment depending on their needs.

“It could be individual therapy, family therapy and we also offer a wide variety of substance abuse groups,” said Gargiulo. “They’re all evidence-based. They’re based on different curricula over time that has been proven over time to work. ... It can vary greatly on why someone is struggling. We’ve actually implemented, depending on the person. Every person’s treatment is individualized. ... It may be something where they’ve actually been sober for a long time and they need some lower-intensity services.”

Peterson-Stephan said medication-assisted treatments had become “very stigmatized” in the wider culture.

“Sometimes people don’t like medication-assisted treatment because, for instance, suboxone is itself an opioid, but when it is properly administered and you have a doctor’s oversight, it’s a long, long-acting opioid and it really helps people maintain their recovery,” said Peterson-Stephan.

Makin said these misconceptions have led to a significant amount of unnecessary pain and suffering.

“I think it’s partially responsible for a lot of overdoses and death because you can’t treat a dead patient,” said Making. “That’s been a big push. It is, ‘How do we buy time so we can do work with them?’”

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: 85-22-0009-SS  
Date of Sale: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 10:00 am  
Wabash County Newspaper:  
Judgment to be Satisfied: 96,367.24  
Cause No: 85D01-2109-MF-000618  
Plaintiff: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC  
Defendant: Wade Anthon Stevenson III aka Wade Stevenson III  
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED  
REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES  
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk  
of Superior/Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana, requiring me to  
make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I  
will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00  
AM of said day as listed above, at the Wabash County Sheriff's  
Department, 79 W Main St, Wabash IN, fee simple of the whole  
body of Real Estate in Wabash County, Indiana:  
Lot Number Thirty-five (35) in Somerset Addition to the Town of  
Somerset, Indiana.  
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will  
be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This  
Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the  
above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to  
requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.  
Ryan Baker, Sheriff of Wabash County  
Township of property location: Waltz  
Common street address of property:  
35 Oak Street, Somerset, IN 46984  
Parcel Number (must be 18 digits): 85-18-27-404-042.000-013  
Attorney: David M. Bengs, Esq.  
Attorney Number: 16646-20  
Law Firm: Marinosci Law Group, P.C.  
Contact Number: 219-386-4700  
Contact Email: knutini@mlg-defaultllaw.com  
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known street address. It is the buyer's responsibility to research the  
legal description and associated legal filings.  
PLEASE SERVE: PLEASE SERVE: PLEASE SERVE:  
Wade Anthon Stevenson III aka Wade Stevenson III  
800 Mitchell Drive, Gas City, IN 46933  
Wade Anthon Stevenson III aka Wade Stevenson III  
35 Oak Street, Somerset, IN 46984  
Wade Anthon Stevenson III aka Wade Stevenson III  
60 E Bragg Avenue, Upland, IN 46989  
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nature. Must demonstrate sensitivity to our service population's cultural and socioeconomic  
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Wabash County, Indiana, in Cause No. 85D01-2109-MF-000667, wherein U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the CIM Trust 2018-R6 Mortgage-Back Notes, Series 2018-R6 was Plaintiff, and Carl Smith a/k/a Carl R Smith, et al., were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 12th day of April, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of said day, at the Wabash County Sheriff's Department, 79 W Main St., Wabash, IN , the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wabash County, Indiana:

The following described real estate situated in Wabash County, State of Indiana, to-wit:

Part Out Lots numbered Twenty-nine (29) and Thirty (30) in Tipton's Addition to the Town of Lagro, being contained entirely within the boundaries of a tract of land now (or formerly) owned by Rodney D. Stouffer and Lora J. Stouffer as recorded on page 93 of deed record 269, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of said Out Lot number Twenty-nine (29), marked by an iron rebar stake; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West (assumed bearing), along the south line of said Out Lot, 203.50 feet to the southeast corner of a 0.60 acre tract of land as recorded on page 458 of deed record 302 in said Recorder's Office; thence continuing South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along said south line, 107.83 feet to an iron rebar stake with a plastic cap stamped LS80040428 situated 2.17 feet east of the southwest corner of said Out Lot number Twenty-nine (29) and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along said south out lot line, 249.67 feet to an iron rebar stake with a plastic cap stumped LS80040428 situated 66.00 feet east of the southwest corner of said Out Lot number Thirty (30) thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 181.16 feet to an iron rebar stake with a plastic cap stamped LS80040428; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 172.22 feet to an iron rebar stake with a plastic cap stamped LS80040428; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 Seconds East, 77.30 to an iron rebar stake with a plastic cap stamped LS80040428; thence South 86 degrees 38 minutes 49 seconds East, 77.59 feet to an iron rebar slake with a plastic cap stamped LS80040428; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 99.32 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing 0.90 of an acre, more or less.

State Parcel No. 85-11-27-404-037.000-004  
More Commonly known as: 100 Webster, Lagro, IN 46941  
Township: Largo

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. All sales are subject to any first and prior liens, taxes and assessments legally levied and assessed thereon. Neither the Sheriff nor the Plaintiff in this case warrants either expressly or implied any title, location or legal description of any real estate sold at the sale. Any prospective bidder should obtain their own title evidence before making any bid on any properties subject to this sale.

DATE: January 28, 2022

/s/ Brian K. Tekulve  
Brian K. Tekulve (30882-49)  
Law Office of Gerald M. Shapiro, LLP  
4805 Montgomery Road, Suite 320  
Norwood, OH 45212  
(513) 396-8100 Fax: (847) 627-8805  
btekulve@logs.com

Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein  
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

WABASH NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff Sale File number: 85-22-0004-SS  
Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.  
Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department basement, Miami Street entrance, 79 W Main Street  
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$15,642.28

Cause Number: 85C01-1902-MF-000140  
Plaintiff: Bank of America, N.A.  
Defendant: Tammy L. Hurst, AKA Tammy Hurst, AKA Tammy L. Larson, Michael J. Larson, C. Lavonne Lautzenheiser, Pathfinder Services, Inc., United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, Bank of America, N.A. and Jefferson Capital Systems LLC

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said DECREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows:

Lot numbered One (1) in the Plat of Third and Maple Addition to the Town of North Manchester, Indiana, according to the recorded Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 8 page 1 in the Office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana.

Commonly Known as: 306 WEST 3RD STREET, NORTH MANCHESTER, IN 46962  
Parcel No. 85-03-32-304-127.000-002

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.  
An entire Sheriff's Sale may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other county emergencies. If the entire Sheriff's Sale is cancelled, each parcel will be cancelled. Each parcel will be assigned to the next available sale (normally 2 months from original sale). This will allow compliance with Indiana Code concerning posting, publication, and serving time frames. Also, new Sheriff's Sale fees will be assessed and the parcels will be automatically re-advertised. The plaintiff will be responsible for the new fees and advertising costs.

Attorney: Nicholas M. Smith  
Attorney Number: 31800-15  
Law Firm: Manley Deas Kochalski LLC  
Contact Number: (614) 220-5611

Ryan Baker, Sheriff of Wabash County  
By: Connie Rich, Administrative Assistant  
Phone: (260) 563-8891

Township of property location: Chester  
Common street address of property: 306 West 3rd Street, North Manchester, IN 46962  
Property tax ID: 85-03-32-304-127.000-002

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ESTATE DOCKET: 85C01-2202-EU-021  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
MARY LOUISE MITCHELL, DECEASED  
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana.  
Notice is hereby given that Bryan Mitchell was on the 28th day of February, 2022 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Louise Mitchell, deceased.  
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated in Wabash, Indiana this 28th day of February, 2022.  
/s/Lori Draper (SEAL)  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
69 W Hill Street  
Wabash, IN 46992  
Emily C. Guenin-Hodson, Attorney  
Guenin Law Office, P.C.  
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# Depth of partner’s affection unspoken until it’s too late

**DEAR ABBY:** My longtime boyfriend passed away after an extended illness, and I’d like to offer a suggestion to your readers I wish I had thought of before his passing.

After the funeral, I was thinking about what a wonderful man he was, so I decided to compile a list of his good qualities. The list grew longer the more I thought about his many positive attributes. They were big and small things, but they all added up to why I loved him so much.

I wish I’d had it framed and given it to him while he was healthy, or at least while he was still living. I know it would have meant the world to him. I hope my suggestion will be adopted by your readers. It could bring so much happiness to the person you love. Do it before it’s too late. — Loved So Much About Him

**DEAR LOVED:** Please accept my sympathy for your loss. Death is particularly poignant if there are words left unsaid. I subscribe to your philosophy. That message is eloquently conveyed in a poem included in my “Keepers” booklet. A quick and easy read, “Keepers” is a collection of poems, essays and letters readers have repeatedly asked me to reprint. Many subjects are covered, including children, parenting, animals, aging, death, forgiveness and more.

It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. “Keepers” makes an inexpensive gift for newlyweds, pet lovers, new parents, and anyone who is grieving or recovering from an illness.

What follows is the poem I mentioned:

“The Time Is Now” (Author Unknown)

If you are ever going to love me,

Love me now, while I can know

The sweet and tender feelings

Which from true affection flow.

Love me now

While I am living.

Do not wait until I’m gone

And then have it chiseled in marble,

Sweet words on ice-cold stone.

If you have tender thoughts of me,

Please tell me now.

If you wait until I am sleeping,

Never to awaken,

There will be death between us

And I won’t hear you then.

So, if you love me, even a little bit,

Let me know it while I am living

So I can treasure it.

**DEAR ABBY:** If I’m with a close friend and she has a prominent hair on her face, should I say anything? I appreciate it when someone brings something like that to my attention. As a member of several women’s clubs, I wouldn’t want to be known as the “hairy lady”! — Helpful In Virginia

**DEAR HELPFUL:** Of COURSE you should say something — privately. A true friend should not only tell her but also share a pair of tweezers and a pocket mirror from your makeup bag with her.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

## Dear Abby



## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Just picked
- 6 Wooden hammer
- 12 Get back
- 14 Approved
- 15 Twin of Artemis
- 16 Cruise ships
- 17 Worthless coin
- 18 Explosive letters
- 19 Rx monitors
- 21 Dentist’s anesthetic
- 23 PC key
- 26 Bleat
- 27 Happy sighs
- 28 Ph.D. exams
- 30 Jacket part
- 31 Qt. fractions
- 32 Tree topper
- 33 Vestige
- 35 Maize unit
- 37 Moo goo — pan
- 38 Roman garments

### 39 Fam. member

- 40 Finish
- 41 Craven or Unsold
- 42 — Nimitz
- 43 IRA investments
- 44 Hula-Hoop site
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- 48 Ushers in
- 51 Leaves out
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- 56 Bullock of “Speed”
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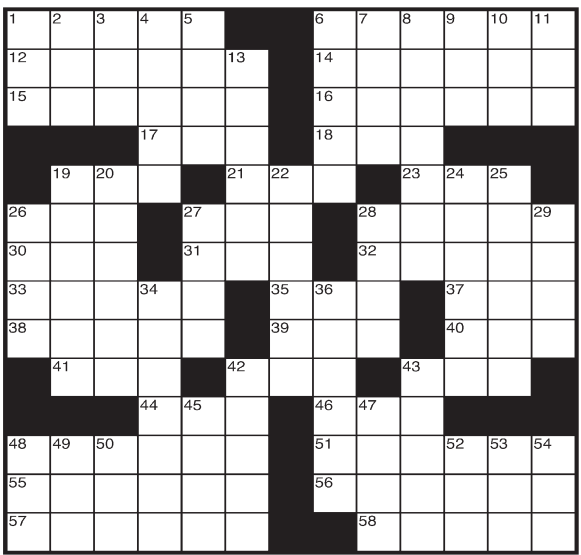
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- 4 Chip dip
- 5 Hawaiian port
- 6 Loses feathers
- 7 Quite similar

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



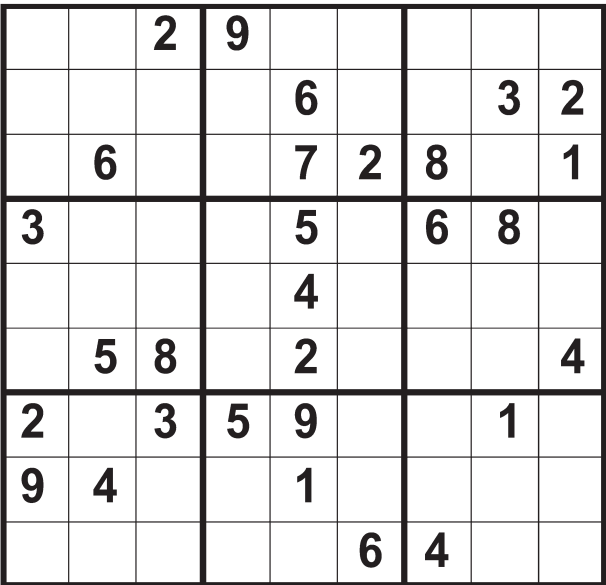
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- 9 Strong alkali
- 10 Always, to Byron
- 11 NFL events
- 13 Zero
- 19 Litter of piglets
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- 22 Judge
- 24 Grew weary
- 25 Sweeps up
- 26 Quilt stuffing
- 27 Imitates
- 28 Galley movers
- 29 Rode the banister
- 34 Redeeming a check
- 36 Theater features
- 42 Overturn
- 43 Queeg’s ship
- 45 Prickly sensation
- 47 Canute’s foe
- 48 Red — beet
- 49 Dover’s st.
- 50 Avril follower
- 52 Banned bug spray
- 53 Previous to
- 54 Unhappy



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PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
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1	6	7	8	2	3	5	4	9
4	2	9	6	7	5	1	3	8

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday’s Jumbles: MESSY FLUKE COOKIE SIDING Answer: The clairvoyant doctor had a — “SICK” SENSE

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

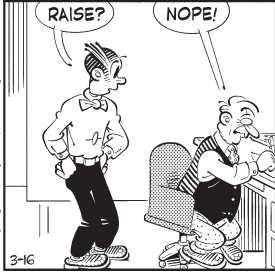


“What do you shoot at those targets with, Grandma?”

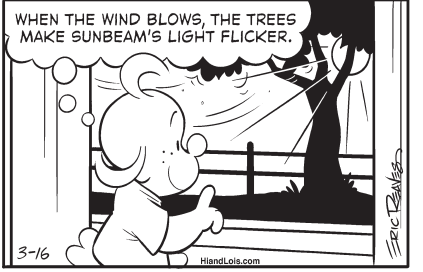
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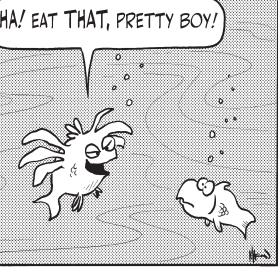
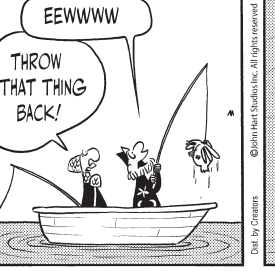
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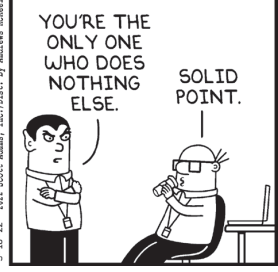
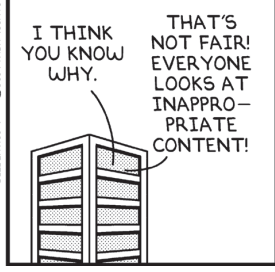
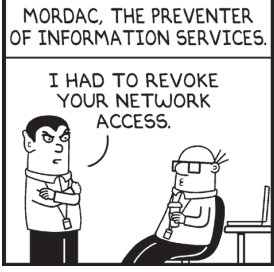
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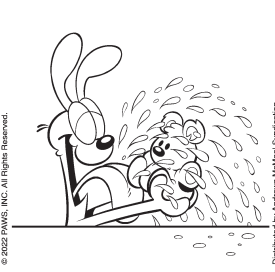
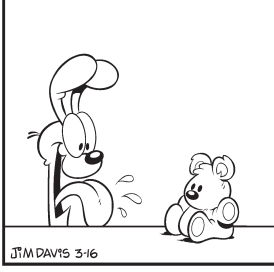
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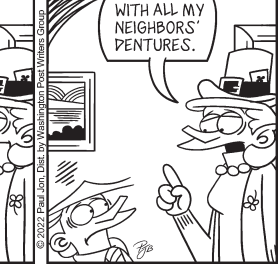
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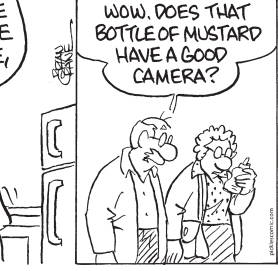
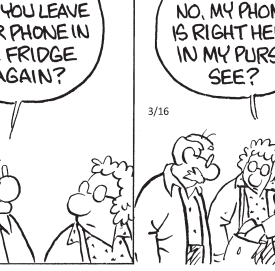
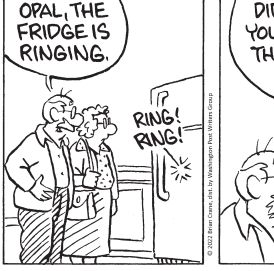
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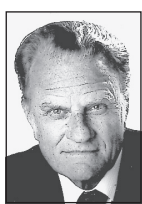


# When individuals are called to the mission field people should rejoice

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** My college roommate announced that she has been called to the mission field. She is a 4.0 and could choose just about any career, but she is bound and determined to give her life in service to God in another country. With how the world is today, this seems dangerous to me and a waste of her life. — T.F.

## Billy Graham My Answer



**A:** When individuals are called to the mission field people should rejoice. Far from wasting their time and talents, they will likely be using them even more in a place where the needs are so great. Missionaries have been some of the great ambassadors not only for our nation, but particularly for the Lord Jesus,

because they are boldly taking the Gospel message into other lands where few have heard the Good News that Jesus saves.

Jesus said, “Whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it” (Matthew 16:25). By this He means that a life spent for self is a wasted life while one spent for others is one spent according to His will. While we fear being separated from loved ones and friends, we can be a great

encouragement and support to these people who are obedient to God’s call on their lives. In turn, we become part of their service in the name of the Lord and this blesses the heart of God.

We should consider it an honor to know individuals who will put their own goals in life aside and follow Jesus, and we should help them. But one thing is for sure. God never calls a person into His service without equipping him or her.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: “Practice kindness all day to everybody and you will realize you’re already in heaven now.” — Jack Kerouac

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# New Grow Wabash County website goes live

## STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County has announced that its new website is officially live at [www.growwabashcounty.com](http://www.growwabashcounty.com), according to project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulrisse.

Boulrisse said the newly renovated website will be the premier resource for businesses in Wabash County as

well as businesses domestic and abroad looking to expand or relocate to our communities, bringing with them new job opportunities for Wabash County residents, increased investment in the community and more families and professionals eager to make Wabash County their home.

Available sites and buildings ready for prospective

businesses to use will be spotlighted as well as information regarding the targeted industries that will best succeed in Wabash County as a result of work with the site selection firm Navigator Consulting. The new website will also be the “go-to” for businesses and individuals interested in upcoming training and certification programs.

“We are excited to be unveiling this new website to the public,” Grow Wabash County CEO and president Keith Gillenwater. “This website puts Wabash County’s best foot forward for businesses, individuals and investors considering Wabash County as their next move. The website does a great job of highlighting all of the incentives, business

supports and quality of life amenities that make Wabash County the example of what small-town America can be.”

The new website was revamped with the assistance of Golden Shovel, an economic development web-design firm “focused on creating sites focused on generating economic and business development in our communities.”

“Of course, the website will also highlight the hard-working investors, organizations and stakeholders that are doing their part to achieve Grow Wabash County’s mission to, ‘Together, grow a prosperous Wabash County,’ as well as promote the high quality of life afforded to residents and workers in our community,” said Boulrisse.

## WVMA

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DeVinney said students from Northfield, Southwood, Wabash and Manchester high schools spend weeks rehearsing for the “riveting performance that showcases the tremendous amount of young talent in our area.”

“The Honors Band and Choir concert provides students who have excelled in music education the opportunity to work with and perform with professional guest conductors and directors,” said DeVinney. “The experience broadens the students’ experience and allows them to see how different music leaders work and convey their expectations. Through this program, the WVMA provides artistic exposure and enrichment to area students.”

Choral students who are participating this year performed under the direction of Dr. Kerry Glann. Glann serves as associate director of Choral Activities at Ball State University in Muncie, where he conducts the Concert Choir and Vox Anima treble chorus, prepares opera choruses and teaches conducting and graduate choral literature. He previously taught at Kent State University and in the public schools of Ohio. He holds

a B.M. in music education from Bowling Green State University, an M.M. in conducting from Kent State University, and a D.M.A. in choral conducting from the University of North Texas, where he led the UNT Women’s Chorus and served as a conducting associate in its nationally-recognized early music program.

Band students were conducted by Dr. Scott Humphries, who received a Bachelor of Music Education from James Madison University. He received a Master of Arts in Education, and Instruction – music, from Virginia Tech, where he served as a graduate assistant with the Marching Virginians under David McKee. He earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in music education at Boston University. His field of study includes community and lifelong music-making. Since 2008, he has been an assistant professor and the Director of Instrumental Studies and Music Education at Manchester University in Indiana. In 2020, he was named the Indiana Music Educators Association College/University Outstanding Music Educator.

Participating students in the Honors Band included:

■ Addison Brubaker, Manchester High School

■ Hattie Cochran, Southwood High School  
■ Dakota Wilson, Southwood High School  
■ Kaylee Nelson, Southwood High School  
■ Aubrey Carey, Southwood High School  
■ Wynter Harris, Manchester High School

### Violin

■ Nene Tanaka, Manchester High School

### Bassoon

■ Diego Myers, Manchester High School

### Clarinet

■ Olivia Chavez, Manchester High School  
■ Lyndzy Silvers, Southwood High School  
■ Brenden Rowan, Wabash High School  
■ Breanna Callaway, Manchester High School  
■ Landon Shoue, Northfield High School  
■ Jared Richards, Southwood High School  
■ Megan Davis, Southwood High School

### Alto saxophone

■ Sophia Willey, Manchester High School  
■ Nicholas Ewing, Wabash High School  
■ Hannah Trout, Manchester High School  
■ Sara Buga, Wabash High School  
■ Hank Dyson, Manchester High School  
■ Claire Thompson, Northfield High School

### Tenor saxophone

■ Luke Herring, South-

wood High School  
■ Hailey Barton, Northfield High School  
■ Sloane Willey, Manchester High School

### Baritone saxophone

■ Ethan Lochard, Southwood High School

### Trumpet

■ Brycen Niccum, Wabash High School  
■ Alyssa Marvel, Manchester High School  
■ Emma Pyle, Manchester High School  
■ Turner Stephens, Northfield High School  
■ Madison Griffin, Northfield High School  
■ Isaiah Beall, Northfield High School  
■ Sarah Smith, Southwood High School

### Horn

■ Marcus Haynes, Wabash High School  
■ Alex Weaver, Wabash High School

### Trombone

■ Alexis Leffel, Northfield High School  
■ Tala Lynn, Wabash High School

### Baritone

■ Eligah Brown, Wabash High School

### Cello

■ John Nesler, Northfield High School

### Percussion

■ Alice Guyer, Southwood High School  
■ Kyle Wynn, Northfield High School

■ Natalee Keller, Northfield High School  
■ Quinn Haynes, Wabash High School  
■ Kaden Graf, Wabash High School  
■ Kristian Stanton, Wabash High School  
■ Dominic Baker, Wabash High School

Participating students in the Honors Choir included:

■ Isaac Bragg, Southwood High School  
■ Morgan Butcher, Wabash High School  
■ Kayden Cruz, Northfield High School  
■ Jessica Dingess, Manchester High School  
■ Emily Dotson, Manchester High School  
■ Eli Edmond, Wabash High School  
■ Alesha Edwards, Manchester High School  
■ Addie France, Northfield High School  
■ Mollie Friend, Wabash High School  
■ Payton Hamby, Manchester High School  
■ Ethan Haynes, Wabash High School  
■ Marcus Haynes, Wabash High School  
■ Quinn Haynes, Wabash High School  
■ Anna Hodson, Northfield High School  
■ Kaitlyn Holley, Manchester High School  
■ Melani Jimenez, Manchester High School  
■ JoJo Jones, Wabash High School  
■ Braylon Judy, Manchester High School  
■ Kaelynn Kamp, Manchester High School  
■ Jasmyn Kelly, North-

field High School  
■ Matthew Linkenhoker, Manchester High School  
■ Karigan Long, Wabash High School  
■ Paulette Martin, Manchester High School  
■ Alyssa Marvel, Manchester High School  
■ Skye McCullough, Manchester High School  
■ Meryn Norman, Southwood High School  
■ Gavin Palmer, Wabash High School  
■ Libee Price, Southwood High School  
■ Emma Pyle, Manchester High School  
■ Katelyn Ranck, Southwood High School  
■ Xander Rose, Wabash High School  
■ Parker Rosen, Manchester High School  
■ Brenden Rowan, Wabash High School  
■ Eva Sears, Wabash High School  
■ Paloma Shull, Wabash High School  
■ Lyndzy Silvers, Southwood High School  
■ Caleb Slone, Manchester High School  
■ Sarah Smith, Southwood High School  
■ Ashlee Thomson, Manchester High School  
■ Duke Sparks, Southwood High School  
■ Anna Todd, Manchester High School  
■ Logan Walters, Wabash High School  
■ Erika Yard, Manchester High School

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## PULSE

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Preschool’s “B is for Birds” from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 16 at Salamonie Interpretive Center located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. Children ages 2 to 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class. Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler’s basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov).

### Historic St. Patrick’s Church in Lagro to host St. Patrick’s Day celebration

The historic St. Patrick’s Church will host a St. Patrick’s Day celebration at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17 at 950 Main St., Lagro. Other mass days for the year include April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. All masses begin at 11 a.m. The Lagro 950 Speakeasy Bistro opens at 11 a.m. for an after-mass lunch at 950 Washington St., Lagro.

### Honeywell Center to host Wabash FAME Festival

This year’s Wabash FAME Festival will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at the Honeywell Center. Student performances including piano, vocal and dance; student art displays; and workshops featuring guest musicians, dancers and visual artists, will all be a part of the Wabash FAME Festival. This will be the 14th festival of this kind in Wabash, and admission to the festival and participation in most activities is free. This year’s festival theme is “The Jazz Era,” highlighting music and dance from the 1920s, ’30s and ’40s.

### Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, March 23

and April 27 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, April 13 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

### Salamonie Native Plant ID Workshop planned for Saturday, March 26

Learn how to ID native plants during all seasons at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 26 at Salamonie’s Interpretive Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. The workshop is expected to last approximately three hours. Speaker Jake Wyatt will share his knowledge of native plant species. Wyatt, an Indiana Master Naturalist, is a Huntington County native whose hobby and passion for native versus ornamental species covers many years. We will have an introductory presentation on using a dichotomous key, especially during the winter months and learn why supporting native plants is important in today’s environment. There will be hands-on learning as we view native plants in their outdoors in their natural habitats. Dress for the weather, there will be some walking to locate plants. There will also be caravanning to locations within Lost Bridge West. Bring a sack lunch or snack. The cost is \$10 per person. Space is limited, and advanced registration is required by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov).

### Democratic senatorial candidate to visit Wabash

The only remaining Democratic primary candidate for this year’s U.S. Senate race in Indiana will soon be visiting Wabash. The Wabash County Democratic Party will be hosting Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. for a meet and greet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, in the guest room at Wings Etc., 1439 N. Cass St., with a Zoom option available.

### Honeywell House hosts journeys in South Asia

On Thursday, March 31, the Honeywell House will host speaker Ken Perkins who will share inspirational stories of his agricultural influence in South Asia. He has worked

with a small Laotian farm for 17 years, conducted business training in Nepal and Myanmar, and served on a trade mission to Taiwan, Japan and South Korea. He recently became an advisor on raising pigs to a missionary in Tanzania. The event will begin at 7 p.m. The event is free, but with limited capacity, reservations are required to guarantee seating. For more information, visit [honeywellarts.org](http://honeywellarts.org).

### Paradise Spring Board offers scholarships to local high school seniors

The Paradise Spring Board has announced they will again be offering scholarships to five Wabash County seniors. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000 per student. For this year’s scholarship, “high school seniors are invited to research and write an essay about the railroad hub at Paradise Spring Historical Park and how the railroad still impacts us today.” Essay packets have been delivered to all public schools in the county or can be requested by email at [ungerdeanna@gmail.com](mailto:ungerdeanna@gmail.com). Winners will be selected from the county schools plus one from the home-schooled, online or alternate school student groups. To receive the scholarship, the selected winners are also required to present their essays either in person or via video to be used for future programming. Completed essays and cover letters should be returned by Friday, April 1 by mail to Paradise Spring Board, P.O. Box 353, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information, call 260-571-2879.

### Manchester Values, Ideas and the Arts series continues

Presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus unless otherwise noted. All except the “Spaces” concert are free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. Other presentations will also be live-streamed on the Manchester Facebook page. Check the schedule at [www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA](http://www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA) for updates. April 4 – “Manchester and the United Nations: The Legacy of Andrew Cordier” by Manchester seniors Christopher Carroll and Omar Gadzhiev. April 11 – In “CommunityKate: Artalive,” Kate Billingsley offers a comic performance. April 18 – Alicia Smith presents “Environmental Justice & Community Democracy – BIPOC & Beyond.”

April 25 – Mary Miller, CEO and owner of JANCOA Janitorial Services, will speak in “Dream Big.” May 2 – “Trailblazers: Honoring Manchester’s First Black Students” is the keynote address on the day Manchester is naming the Academic Center in honor of siblings Martha and Joseph Cunningham. May 9 – Manchester seniors will talk about their senior honors theses. May 15 at 3 p.m. in Cordier – Violist Derek Reeves performs the world premiere of “Spaces,” a concerto composed for him by Professor Debra Lynn, director of choral organizations and vocal studies at Manchester.

### Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays, April 12 and May 3. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays, April 26 and May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](http://facebook.com/upperwabash).

### Salamonie ‘Tweens Among the Trees’ Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest School at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesday, April 20. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](http://facebook.com/upperwabash).

### Guardian Warriors seeks to raise funds through shoe donations

The Guardian Warriors group has launched a shoe collection drive to raise money to help local families, send children to college, an upcoming 9/11 event and more. The shoe donations will also support micro-enterprises in developing

nations and “reduce what goes into landfills.” The shoe drive, which lasts through May 31, will ultimately earn funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected. Their goal is to collect 2,500 shoes. Fund-s2Orgs will purchase all the donated footwear. The shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Fund-s2Orgs network of micro-enterprise partners in developing nations. Those who are interested in donating shoes may send them through the mail to 3789 W. 100 South, Wabash, IN 46992, or call 765-244-8360. They will also have pick-up dates available from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 1 and Saturday, May 7 at the Miami County Fairgrounds, 1029 W. 200 North, Peru.

### DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

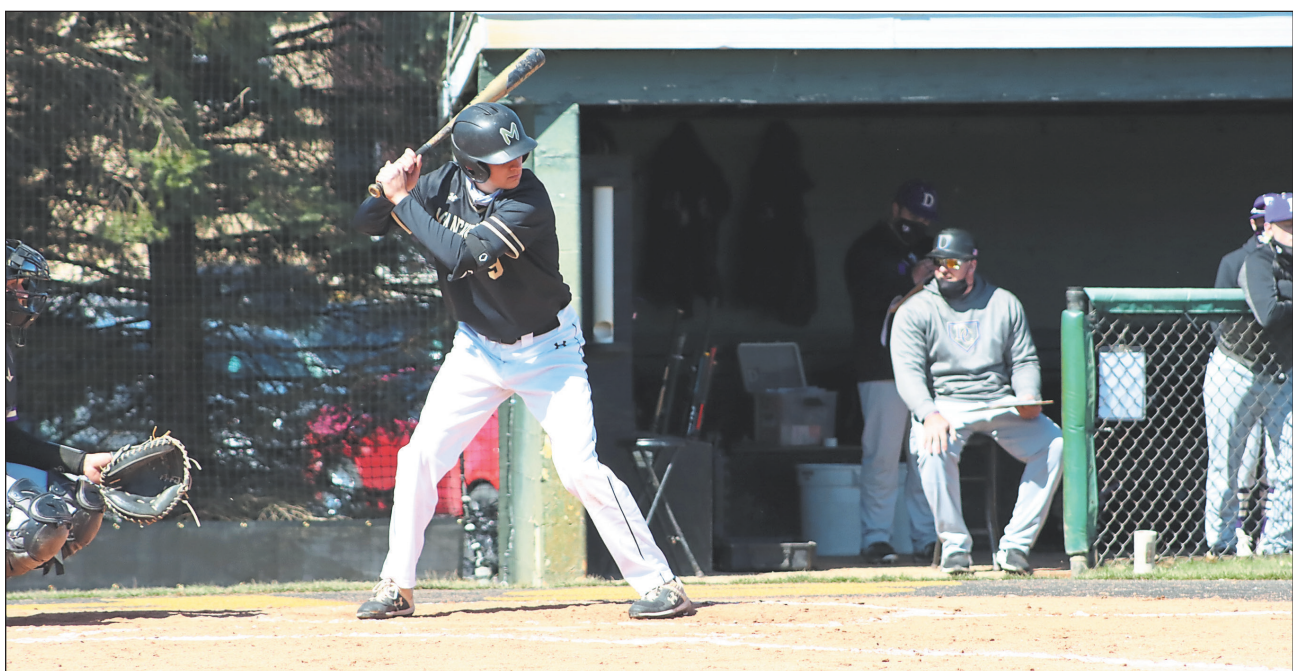
DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email [office@wabashfriends.org](mailto:office@wabashfriends.org), call 260-571-5235 or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

### Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplainedealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplainedealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*





Zach White had three hits in the first game of Friday's doubleheader.

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## Manchester baseball earns sweep of Berea on Friday, winning 16-5, 14-7

Spartans will host Trine in a single, nine-inning contest on Wednesday afternoon

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University baseball team earned a road doubleheader sweep of Berea College on Friday, March 11.

The Black and Gold broke into the win column for the first time this season after topping the Mountaineers by final scores of 16-5 and 14-7.

Manchester's offense was tough to slow on Friday afternoon as the Spartans combined to score 30 runs in the doubleheader.

In the first game of the day, the Black and Gold plated 16 runs on the strength of 19 hits.

Manchester's offense poured in runs late in the contest, scoring

three runs in the top of the seventh and eighth innings and scoring four runs in the top of the ninth inning. Manchester scored at least one run in each frame except for the top of the first inning.

Zach White, Griffin Garwood and Harrison Pittsford led Manchester in the opening game of Friday's twin bill with three hits apiece. Both White and Garwood drove in three runs while Pittsford drove in a pair.

Aidan Stevens, from Rensselaer and Rensselaer Central High School, had three RBI in the opener while Cole Filson, from Plymouth, connected on a two-run home run for Manchester.

Carter Hooks, from Rochester, struck out six batters over five innings of work to earn his first win of the season. Hooks allowed just three runs and four hits.

Manchester's bats stayed hot in the second game of the day as the Spartans once again reached double figures in

runs and hits with 14 in both categories.

Six different Spartans collected multiple hits in the second game of the afternoon. Austin Knowles, from Nassau, Bahamas, and Athens Christian High School in Georgia, and Griffin Garwood both drove home three runs.

Aidan Steves and Brady Perez, from Rochester, both drove home a pair of runs in the winning effort to close out the day. Stevens scored four runs.

Brett Wathen, from Ossian and Norwell High School, threw 5.1 innings, scattering seven hits and allowing three runs. He earned his first collegiate victory on the mound on Friday night.

Manchester (2-7) will host Trine in a single, nine-inning contest on Wednesday, March 16 at Gratz Field beginning at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday's contest will mark the home opener for the Black and Gold.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

## Cubs' Hoyer says team wants to 'add a lot more players'

By JASON P. SKODA

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — While David Ross works with the Chicago Cubs during spring training, Jed Hoyer is looking to add more players to the mix for his manager.

Hoyer and new general manager Carter Hawkins are still working the phones as the team begins spring training. Gold Glove shortstop Andreton Simmons and veteran reliever Jesse Chavez recently agreed to deals, and Ross finalized a contract extension.

"We are certainly going to add a lot more players," Hoyer said Monday during the first spring press conference for the team's president of baseball operations. "No question about that. We certainly have some openings, and we are going to be talking to teams and free agents."

"We have a number of holes to address. Our biggest focus has been on pitching and pitching depth. Everyone knows the value of innings at the beginning of the season is going to be real."

The Cubs added another starting pitcher when Marcus Stroman agreed to a \$71 million, three-year contract in December. Then the lockout stopped all contact between teams and players for 99 days.

The labor strife has created another unusual training camp after the COVID-19 pandemic affected each of

the past two years.

"It's been a crazy, few days," Hoyer said. "One of the fun things about this time is we never experienced something like this. Right around 6 o'clock on Thursday it was like start your engines. Start making calls as fast as you can, and everyone was doing it."

"This is kind of a crazy transaction period we've never had before and doing it while players were reporting, camp is starting. It certainly is strange."

Hawkins was hired in October, so he was just learning his way around the organization when the players were locked out. Now he is working on potential additions while trying to get to know the players already on the roster.

"Nothing in the first 150 days of this job has been normal," he said. "Nothing in these the last two years has been normal for anyone. Trying to accomplish those things — making connections, building relationships along with some of the important things right now with free agency — it's like trying to thread that needle."

The Cubs are already dealing with some injury considerations that could affect some possible moves for Hoyer and Hawkins ahead of opening day on April 7 against Milwaukee.

Outfielder Ian Happ had a procedure in February to clean up his throwing elbow, but he is expected to be healthy for the season.

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